

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SUNDAY

September 13, 2020

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Blessing the Body – Jan Richardson

This blessing takes one look at you
and all it can say is *holy*.

Holy hands. Holy face. Holy feet.
Holy everything in between.

Holy even in pain.
Holy even when weary.
In brokenness, holy.
In shame, holy still.

Holy in delight.
Holy in distress.
Holy when being born.
Holy when we lay it down
at the hour of our death.

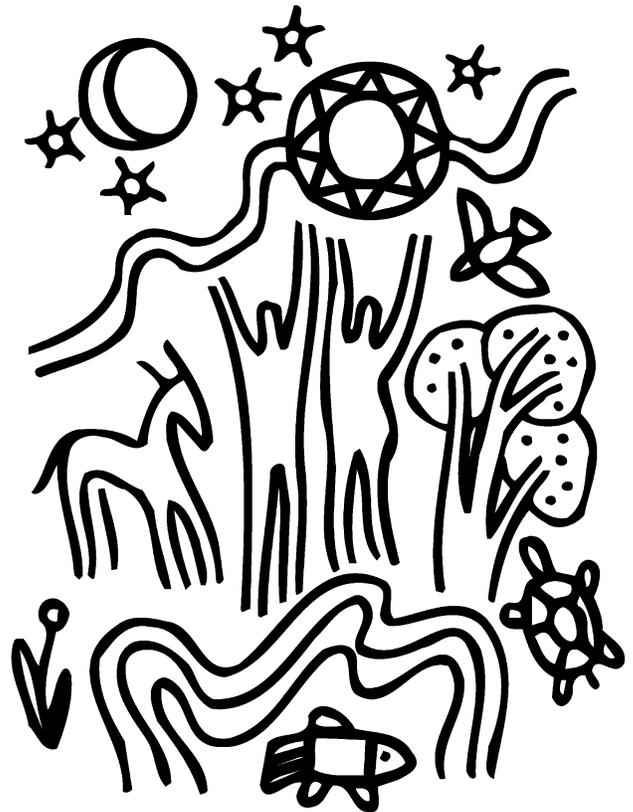
So, friend, open your eyes (*holy eyes*).
For one moment see what this blessing sees,
this blessing that knows how you have been formed
and knit together in wonder and in love.

Welcome this blessing that folds its hands in prayer when it meets you;
receive this blessing that wants to kneel in reverence before you:
you who are
temple,
sanctuary,
home for God
in this world.

Invocation

Knowing that we are blessed by the one who is holy, we gather in the name of the
Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Song – ELW #525 You Are Holy – Sung by the Lindberg Family



Prayer

Let us pray...Lord God, grand architect of the universe, Your design of creation gathers us into relationship with plants and animals and all you create. Yet we continue to litter your creation with defects and imperfections. Show us how not to destroy, but to create, not to demean, but to uplift, not to hate, but to love, so that your creation may be restored once again. **Amen.**

WORD

Scripture – Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17, 3:1-8

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— ⁷then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

³Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden’?” ²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. ⁸They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

Sermon – Pastor Dawn Lindberg

Song – ELW #835 All Creatures, Worship God Most High (vs 1, 2, 4) - Sung by Christine Jacobsen

Prayer of Confession

God, take our sin, our shame, our guilt, all the burdens that cling so closely, and forgive us. We release our sins to you, O Lord.

Forgiveness

God has loved us from the very beginning creating us in God's image, and also knowing humans would mess up. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we have been saved, so receive these words of grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. May we turn to God, knowing we are loved, and knowing we are forgiven. Amen.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

Setting the Table

Blessing the Bread, The Cup - Jan Richardson

Let us bless the bread that gives itself to us
with its terrible weight, its infinite grace.

Let us bless the cup poured out for us
with a love that makes us anew.

Let us gather around these gifts
simply given and deeply blessed.

And then let us go
bearing the bread,
carrying the cup,
laying the table
within a hungering world.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Meal

Communion Blessing & Prayer

Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray...We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved creation to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing for Service

God, bless us as we go
to serve in Jesus' name.

Use our hands to feed the hungry,
comfort the weary,
welcome the stranger,
care for creation,
and love our neighbors.

Bless us as we go
so that we might be changed
by the relationships that grow,
by the barriers that are brought down
by the work that is done,
as your great love is shared.

Bless us as we go
so that God's love might be known.

And all God's children said...**AMEN!**

Dismissal

Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

And remember: We are growing disciples who...
Welcome, Worship & Walk with Christ.