



First
Presbyterian

CROOKSTON, MN.



Sunday, April 21st, 2024

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Call To Worship:**

“Earthen Vessels”

A Visual Liturgy By Phucc Luu & “The Work of The People”

***GATHERING HYMN #15 All Creatures of Our God and King**

KYRIE #627 I Love You Lord

(Our confession is also our act of love for the God who already covers us in grace.)

*I Love You Lord And I Lift My Voice To Worship You
Oh My Soul, Rejoice...*

CONFESSION OF SIN(Responsive)

Lord, let us not sugar coat the truth. We are failing to care for your world and ignoring your call to be good stewards of your gifts.

Last year was the hottest one on record,

and the coolest we will see again. ¹

The last time CO2 levels were this high the south poll was a forest,

and we raised it by 1.1% last year, the 3rd largest rise ever. ²

The last 22 years have been the dryest the west has seen...

in over 1000 years. ³

In the last 50 years...

50% of insects have disappeared. ⁴

In the last 50 years...

Half of all coral reefs have been lost. ⁵

Every 10 years, we are losing...

Over 12% of arctic ice. ⁶

We confess, “even if it is not because of me, it is happening because of us”.

But, we fail to

take the collective action that’s needed.

We fail to

create new rules to justly limit our ability to burn through your world.

We hide behind individual powerlessness to change it,

in order to avoid our collective responsibility to make it happen.

We protect our rights to consume

at the expense of your commandment to protect your earth.

We resign ourselves to the positions of political parties

over the call to follow Jesus's examples.

Therefore, God of creation, hear our confession, forgive us and change us until we are willing to make a change.

KYRIE

Take Joy My King

In What You Hear

May it be a sweet, sweet song

In Your Ear.

SILENCE for confession and resting In God's grace.

DECLARATION OF GRACE (responsive)

As God loves and cares for all creation so God does for us.

Just as the Daylily is made new every spring no matter how cold the winter, so too does God offer us a new beginnings, every morning.

Hallelujah & Amen!

***RESPONSE HYMN**

#39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (v. 1&2)

SHARING OF THE PEACE

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)**

Holy Spirit, help us hear your voice beyond our inability to hear and understand your word beyond any speaker's ability to explain. Through your word, speak to our hearts even if our heads are not ready to listen.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE

READING 1.....Genesis 2: 4-9

READING 2..... Isaiah 24: 4-6

READING 3..... Revelation 22: 1-7

*Leader: The word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God!***

***SERMON..... Seeds Between The Trees**

SILENCE FOR CONTEMPLATION

***CONTEMPLATION HYMN: #370 This Is My Father’s World**

PRAYERS & GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your Mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER (forgive us our “sins”)

***BLESSING AND CHARGE (Responsive)**

Beloved children of God receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever.

Alleluia! Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #80 You Shall Go Out With Joy**

***DISMISSAL (Responsive)**

Go in peace to tilt at windmills and plant the trees of Eden

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

A Warm Welcome to our Guests and Visitors!

Our church has a wonderful array of ministries that seek to spread the gospel into the world. If you are interested in finding out more about the church community or are interested in becoming a member, please contact us at:

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Sunday- April 21st , 2024

10:45 am Worship

11:45 am Coffee Fellowship

Ushers & Greeters.....Bill & Gloria Watro

Organist..... Anne Kopecky

Music Director.....Sandy Perkins

Reader..... Lynne Mullins

Tuesday April 23rd

6:00pm Area Woman's.
Chorus

Wednesday –April 24th

6:00pm Bells of Praise.

Thursday April 25th

1:00pm- Book Study

Next Sunday- April 28th , 2024

10:45 am Worship

11:45 am Coffee Fellowship

Ushers & Greeters.....Wayne & Lori Folkers

Organist..... George French

Music Director.....Sandy Perkins

Reader..... Ralph Pester

Special Announcements!

Check Your Lids!

Prayer of Confession Sources:

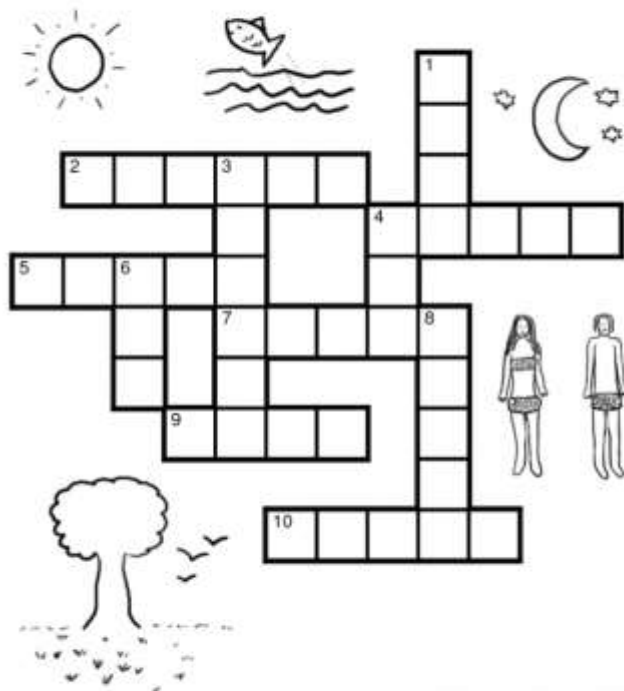
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Holy Doodles

Creation Activity Worksheet

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Across

- 2 God created the moon on this day (6)
- 4 The earth was this before the creation (5)
- 5 God created these on the 5th day (5)
- 7 God created these on the 3rd day (5)
- 9 The name of the Garden the man and woman lived in (4)
- 10 God created this on the 1st day (5)

Down

- 1 The name of the man that God created (4)
- 3 God did this on the 7th day (6)
- 4 The name of the woman that God created (3)
- 6 God created the woman by taking this from the man (3)
- 8 God created land creatures on this day (5)

ANIMALS
 BEGINNING
 CREATION
 EARTH
 GARDEN
 GOD
 HEAVENS
 LIGHT
 MAN
 PLANTS
 SEA
 STARS
 WOMAN

