

Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth*

The United Methodist Hymnal #92

Verse One

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.

Refrain:

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

Verse Two

For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]

Verse Three

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

Verse Four

For yourself, best gift divine,
to the world so freely given,
agent of God's grand design:
peace on earth and joy in heaven. [Refrain]

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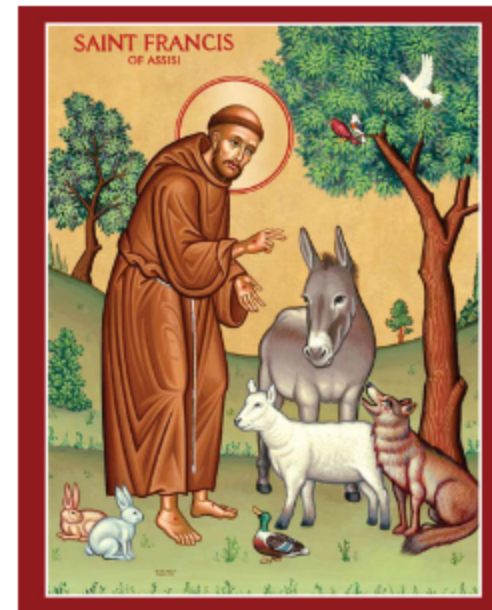
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Virginia United Methodist Conference Worship



Week of The Feast of Saint Francis

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

9:30 a.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/97538302560>

Virginia Conference UMC Worship
Wednesday, September 7, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

Gathering and Announcements

Call to Worship*

One: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Another: You have set your glory in the heavens.

One: Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies to silence the foe and the avenger.

Another: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in Place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?

One: You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet:

Another: All flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas

One: Lord, our Lord,

Another: How majestic is your name in all the earth!

Hymn *All Creatures of our God and King*
(United Methodist Hymnal #62, selected verses)

Verse One

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse Three

O sister water, flowing clear, make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother fire who lights the night, providing warmth, enhancing sight,
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse Five

All ye who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him, cast your care!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse Six

And thou, our sister, gentle death, waiting to hush our latest breath,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou leadest home the child of God, and Christ our Lord the way has trod,
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Genesis 1 -2:4 *selected verses*

Gospel Lesson John 3: 10-17

Sermon *For God So Loved the World*

Blessing of the Animals

During this time, worship participants will be invited to present their animals for a blessing in the tradition of Saint Francis of Assisi. At this time, please be sure your zoom is muted.

Mission Moment: Opportunities for Creation Care and Justice

Closing Hymn (see back of bulletin)

Benediction

Worship Leaders

Preacher Dr. Karen McElfish, (M.D.), Lay Leader, Northern Virginia District

Blessing Rev. Amy Dunn, Pastor, Mechanicsville UMC, Three Notch'd District

Musician Aaron Miller, VAUMC Worship Musician, Staff Member, Trinity UMC, Three Notch'd District

Liturgist/Worship Coordinator Rev. Crystal Sygeel, Associate Director, Center for Clergy Excellence, VAUMC, Glen Allen, VA