



**Grace United Methodist Church  
Saturday, June 23, 2018 5:00 p.m.  
Creation Sings Forth: Water**

“But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an  
ever-flowing stream.” –Amos 5:24

\*=Please stand as you are able

***Please sign and date the Welcome Book and pass it along to your neighbor.***

**WE GATHER**

**MUSIC FOR GATHERING**

**THE LITURGY OF LIFE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship and service.

**Thanks be to God!**

Let us take a moment to center our hearts on God.

**MUSIC FOR CENTERING ON GOD**

**WE WORSHIP TOGETHER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*OPENING HYMN UMH 428 (Red Hymnal)** “For the Healing of the Nations”

**\*GREETING OF PEACE**

Welcome each other. Welcome the stranger. Welcome all who come. Let us be  
Christ to everyone we meet. Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

**HYMN UMH 122 (Red Hymnal)** “God of the Sparrow God of the Whale”

**UNISON PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Compassionate God, You who know our hearts and love us without condition,  
create in us desire to see your essence within us so that we might see that in  
others, and honor your holy presence in all things. We praise you for this  
place, this day, this people, this planet. And all God’s people say Amen.

**THE WORD OF LIFE**

Revelation 21:5-7; 22:1-5

**SPECIAL MUSIC**      “A Simple Song”, from *Mass*      Leonard Bernstein  
Cheryl Fraracci, mezzo-soprano

**THE WORD OF LIFE**      Luke 8:22-25

**THE MESSAGE**      “There is a River”      Pastor Dave Swinton

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**Invitation to Prayer**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Prayer Jesus Taught Us**

**Our Father (Creator, Mother), who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us  
this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive  
those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the  
glory forever. Amen.**

**PRAYER RESPONSE W&S 3022 (Green Hymnal)**      “Peace of Our Praying”  
Tune: MORNING HAS BROKEN

**Peace of our praying, song of our singing,  
truth of our telling, love of all loves,  
health of our healing, gift of our giving,  
life of our living, light of all lights.**

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES**

**The Offertory**

**\*DOXOLOGY TFWS 2008 (Black Hymnal)**      “Let All Things Now Living”

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.**

Prayer of Dedication

**WE ARE SENT FORTH INTO GOD’S WORLD**

**\*HYMN OF GOING INTO THE WORLD TFWS 2004 (Red Hymnal)**  
“Praise the Source of Faith and Learning”

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE W&S 3158 (Green Hymnal)**      “Go to the World” (vs. 1)  
**Go to the world! Go into all the earth.  
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life’s worth,  
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

**Worship Leaders:** Pastor Dave Swinton; Jamie Poulsen, pianist.

♠(In hymns and prayers, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching, and inclusive.)

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal; TFWS = The Faith We Sing; W&S = Worship & Song.

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