

Call Park Worship
August 27, 2016
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome, Good News, Announcements

A Reading from Scripture: Psalm 148 read from the *Good News Bible*

Call to Worship (read responsively)

Leader: Give thanks to God with all your hearts.

People: We will hold nothing back from our God.

Leader: Sing full-throated praises to our God.

People: We will join in the chorus of thanksgiving for God's abiding love.

Leader: Glorify God and that Word we know as Jesus Christ.

People: We will worship our God with wonder and joy.

Song: "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" #31

Opening Prayer (read together)

We give you all praise, God of our salvation. We come to this time of worship with devotion to you, Jesus our redeemer. We honor you, O Holy Spirit, our source of encouragement; one God who sustains us with your love and your presence. Hear our words of reverence as we bow down before you. Grace us with your presence, that we may learn of your way. Amen.

Time for the Children and Young at Heart

An Affirmation of Faith (read together)

We believe in God the Creator, who created and is creating everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us; each of us, unique, individual and beloved of God.

We believe in God the Christ, who saved and is saving everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us: each of us; unique, individual and beloved of the Christ.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who guided and is guiding everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us; each of us, unique, individual and beloved of the Spirit.

We believe that this one God in three persons, is present among us, working directly in our lives and the lives of all who are born into this world, striving to bring us back into harmony with all creation and with God: forgiving, healing, touching everyone, never rejecting any who willingly receive this freely offered gift of love and grace and eternal life. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Focus Scripture: Romans 12:1-8 read from *The Message*

Meditation: "A Place in the Choir"

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

Offering, Doxology, Prayer of Dedication

Closing Song: “For Beauty of Meadows” #28

Benediction

Call to Worship and Prayer of Dedication (adapted) are from *Lectionary Liturgies* by Thom M. Shuman; Opening Prayer (adapted) is from *When We Gather-A Book of Prayers for Worship for Years A, B, and C* by James G. Kirk; Affirmation of Faith is written by Lisa Frenz.