**MixCloud/Zoom. 8 August 2021**

**Call to Worship**

We gather to worship the God.

**The One who we call Creator.**

We gather to worship the Creator.

The One who fills our lives with bounty.

**And the One who connects us to all creation and all creatures—**

**From the smallest minnow to the humpback whale.**

To the people who live next door and have enough,

**To the ones who live across the globe and worry that the rains will come.**

We worship the One who sends down the water to the furrows,

**Softening the earth and blessing the earth with growth.**

We gather to worship the One we know as Living Water.

**Hymn 339 Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here**

Great God, your love has called us here,

as we, by love for love were made.

Your living likeness still we bear,

though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.

We come, with all our heart and mind

your call to hear, your love to find.

We come with self inflicted pains

of broken trust and chosen wrong,

half free, half bound by inner chains,

by social forces swept along,

by powers and systems close confined

yet seeking hope for human kind.

Great God, in Christ you call our name

and then receive us as your own,

not through some merit, right or claim,

but by your gracious love alone.

We strain to glimpse your mercy seat

and find you kneeling at our feet.

Then take the towel, and break the bread,

and humble us, and call us friends.

Suffer and serve till all are fed,

and show how grandly love intends

to work till all creation sings,

to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

Great God, in Christ you set us free

your life to live, your joy to share.

Give us your Spirit's liberty

to turn from guilt and dull despair

and offer all that faith can do

while love is making all things new.

B. Wren

**Prayer**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Intro to the Theme**

**Readings Ken Woods, CUC**

**Psalm 63.1-8**

**John 4.1-15**

**Reflection Morgans Family, CUC**

**Music for Reflection (Zoom)**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Hymn Touch the Earth**

Touch the earth lightly,

use the earth gently,

nourish the life of the world in our care:

gift of great wonder,

ours to surrender,

trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

We who endanger,

who create hunger,

agents of death for all creatures that live,

we who would foster

clouds of disaster,

God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

Let there be greening,

birth from the burning,

water that blesses and air that is sweet,

health in God's garden,

hope in God's children,

regeneration that peace will complete.

God of all living,

God of all loving,

God of the seedling, the snow, and the sun,

teach us, deflect us,

Christ reconnect us,

using us gently and making us one..

**Sheila Erena Murray**

**Benediction**

Love wholeheartedly.

Live as you were created.

Be God’s people in our fragmented world.

**The Grace**

**Parkminster**

**Call to Worship**

Come and worship,

everyone on earth,

everywhere the sun shines,

let’s praise God together!

For listening when we call,

answering our prayers,

forgiving our mistakes,

and providing what we need:

let’s praise God together!

Come and worship,

everyone on earth,

everywhere the sun shines,

let’s praise God together!

**Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of Creation**

**Prayer**

God of gentle rains and warm sun, God who encourages growth;

we are creatures who sometimes grow quickly,

and sometimes get stuck.

God of freedom, of liberation, of binding ropes being cut;

we are bound in ways we don't always understand or recognize.

God of exodus and exile and homecoming,

God who calls us to leave where we are and come home;

help us to have the courage to make the journey

and to trust in the path.

God of health and healing,

God who wants us to be made whole;

we come as people who are wounded in body and in spirit,

people who seek healing.

God who has laid out a way for us to live,

who has given us rules for living in community;

we come as people who sometimes go astray,

people who stretch the rules.

God of Grace,

we come as people who live through that Grace.

And so we praise you for the growth,

we rejoice in being set free,

we dance along the path that leads us home,

we give thanks for the healing we have received,

we relax in the knowledge that we are forgiven

and we live as people of Grace. Amen.

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Readings**

2 Kings 4.42-44

John 6.1-21

**Reflection**

**Music for Reflection**

**Prayers of Intercession**

Holy God, bless those who govern –

Bless the leaders of nations, countries, towns, and cities.

And those who lead in all manner – social, political, and religious –

Bless us all. Fill the hearts of all with your wisdom.

Guide us in the way of justice and integrity for all.

Guide us to walk by faith.

Holy God, tend to those who suffer in mind, body, and spirit.

Tend to the tired, the dying, the poor and the hungry.

Help us to follow the love of Christ, a love which urges us on.

Help us to seek and serve Christ in others, bringing forth a new creation.

Holy God, we ask all this in the name of Christ, our redeemer.

Holy God, we ask all this by the Holy Spirit who activates your love in us.

Holy God we ask all this that your love may be like seed scattered—

manifesting in small and unexpected ways—the greatness of You.

May your love may take root in our lives, and we may walk by faith. Amen.

**Communion**

**Hymn 590 In Heavenly Love Abiding**

**Blessing**

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