



ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 27, 2020

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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

September 27, 2020

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE "Procession"

WILLIAM MATHIAS

CALL TO WORSHIP and INVOCATION

The Rev. Dr. Claudia Demick

*HYMN "Creature Praise"

Large creatures, small creatures, short and tall creatures,

Come now and praise the Lord.

Young creatures, old creatures, hot and cold creatures,

Come now and praise the Lord.

Sing praise to the maker, sing praise to the Son.

Sing praise to the spirit who makes all creatures one.

Sing praise for the goodness of what the Lord has done,

Let all creatures praise the Lord.

Low creatures, high creatures, flying' in the sky creatures...

Near creatures, far creatures, anywhere you are creatures...

Refrain

WORD OF FELLOWSHIP

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of goodness and light, brighten the path for us by which we may walk in faithfulness. Help us when we lose our way. Guide us when we forget to turn to You in our times of need. Forgive us when we take your creation for granted and give us more perfect knowledge of Your ways in this world. Gracious God, we pray with hope because You are always ready to reconcile the whole of creation to Yourself and to renew all things. We pray this by the grace of Christ and the presence of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Job 12:7-10 and Psalm 148

Janice Schmidt

MEDITATION On Blessing

The Rev. Rebecca Spencer

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father Which 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 for ever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small

All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.

The purple headed mountain, The river running by,
The sunset, and the morning That brightens up the sky

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Alla Marcia”

JOHN IRELAND

WORSHIP ENDS – Witness and Service Begin

The flowers in the Chancel today are given to the glory of God.



167th Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 4, 11:30 a.m. after Worship

Members of Central Congregational Church are cordially invited to attend the 167th Annual Meeting. This will be a hybrid gathering. Those wishing and able to, will gather in the Sanctuary, and there's also a video option for those choosing to participate remotely.

Stewardship Family Trivia Night

Sunday, October 25, 6:00 p.m. in Chapel Hall

This Fall event - held annually to thank Central members and friends for their pledges and gifts - is especially meaningful during these unique and challenging times. There will be some changes this year, as we socially distance and observe other safety guidelines. However, there will still be pizza and beverages for those who attend in person. But for the first time, you can play from home and will be able to challenge fellow members via Zoom!

Adult Sunday School

Sunday, October 18, 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

We will welcome Sean Amato who worked with the Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services in Egypt until COVID-19 forced him to return to Rhode Island. He will discuss the theology of various Coptic Christian groups.

Scripture Readers Needed!

Scripture readers make an important contribution to our Sunday Worship service. Please consider volunteering your voice and time - though a great deal of time is never necessary - as your gift to the congregation. Contact Judi Jamieson at 401-421-0782 or jjamiesn@providence.edu.