

LIVE STREAM WORSHIP



The Cedar River Watershed, whose waters quench our thirsts and fill our fonts.

SEASON of CREATION: RIVERS ~ WEEK TWO ~ June 13, 2021

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

*He said to me, "Mortal, have you seen this?"
Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live,
and there will be very many fish, once these waters reach there.
It will become fresh; and everything will live where the river goes.*

Ezekiel 47:6, 8

- L We invite the fauna to praise God with us:
 C **Loon, heron, and mallard duck, dragonflies and croaking frogs!**
- L We join the waters in praising God:
 C **Tide pools, waterfalls, waves dancing at the river's mouth.**
- L We celebrate the song of the river!
 C **Sing, river, sing!**

GATHERING HYMN

River of Glory

Descant (a tempo)

Melody

Riv - er of glo - ry, springs of our birth,

flood of God's rich - es poured on the earth. We are

born from the dark - ness and clothed in the light! We are

bathed in the glo - ry of God!

God, bathed in the glo - ry of God!

Soprano

Alto

1. Foun - tain of mer - cy, grace flow - ing free, streams of sal -

1. va - tion, spill - ing with love from a tree!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Creator be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. God, our Creator,

C **God, our Creator, whose glory fills our planet, help us to discern your vibrant presence among us, especially in the riches of our rivers. Help us to stand in solidarity with your river creatures who are suffering. Lift our spirits to rejoice with the vibrant world of the rivers. We ask this in the name of Christ, who reconciles and renews all things in creation. Amen.**

+ WORD +

READING: Ezekiel 47:1-12

Vicki Martinez

The prophet Ezekiel envisions a sacred watershed whose waters flow in every direction from their source in God's holy temple, enabling life on land and water to thrive.

The Lord God brought me back to the entrance of the temple; there, water was flowing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east); and the water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. ²Then he brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east; and the water was coming out on the south side. ³Going on eastward with a cord in his hand, the man measured one thousand cubits, and then led me through the water; and it was ankle-deep. ⁴Again he measured one thousand, and led me through the water; and it was knee-deep. Again he measured one thousand, and led me through the water; and it was up to the waist. ⁵Again he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross, for the water had risen; it was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be crossed. ⁶He said to me, "Mortal, have you seen this?" Then he led me back along the bank of the river. ⁷As I came back, I saw on the bank of the river a great many trees on the one side and on the other. ⁸He said to me, "This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah; and when it enters the sea, the sea of stagnant waters, the water will become fresh. ⁹Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish, once these waters reach there. It will become fresh; and everything will live where the river goes. ¹⁰People will stand fishing beside the sea from En-gedi to En-eglam; it will be a place for the spreading of nets; its fish will be of a great many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. ¹¹But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. ¹²On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing."

L Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Erik

MESSAGE

Thinking Like a Watershed

Rev. John Rosenberg

HYMN OF BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

As I Went Down to the River to Pray

♪ As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way!

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way!

Refrain

O sisters let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down,
O sisters let's go down,
Down in the river to pray.

Refrain

O brothers let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down,
Come on brothers let's go down,
Down in the river to pray.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Water is poured into the font as we celebrate the sacred gifts that are part of our baptismal life.

P Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.
Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.
Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow.
Praise to you for the Duwamish, the Green, the Cedar and White;
for Longfellow and Fauntleroy Creeks, and the waters of the Salish Sea.

C We thank you, sacred Trinity, for these waters through which you sustain our lives and, in baptism, call us anew to tend and keep the Earth.

P We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting Earth,
like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.
Remembering your call and claim on us in baptism, we pray:

**C Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ.
Shower with life all creatures and habitats, flora and fauna
who live in the watershed of your grace.**

To you be given all praise, in the glory of God, now and forever. Amen.

Refrain: As I Went Down to the River to Pray

♪ O siblings let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down,
Come on siblings let's go down,
Down in the river to pray.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From: *Seven Songs of Creation: Liturgies for Celebrating and Healing Earth* by Norman Habel

**We believe in God who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.
We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water,
who heals all the wounds of Earth.
We believe in the book of Earth, the book of life unfolding,
the book revealing the mysteries of God's wisdom.
We believe in Jesus Christ as the revelation and Wisdom of God,
Joining the web of life as human flesh,
Jesus is the love of God immersed in the cosmos.
We believe in an Earth community,
a community where lives of all creatures are interconnected.
We believe in Life forever,
empowered by the breath of the Spirit of God,
connected with our cosmic Christ
and celebrated by all creation.**

+ PRAYERS +

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Chris Kindem

Petitions are offered that end with the refrain:

A Creator of all,
C **teach us to care.**

After all petitions have been offered:

A Jesus, Incarnate one, teach us to be at one with Earth.
C **Make our spirits sensitive to the cries of creation, cries for justice from the rivers, the creeks, the streams. Make our faith sensitive to the groans of the Spirit from estuaries and forests, mountains and Salish Sea; make our souls sensitive to the call of our kin, species in pain calling from the land, the sea, and the air. Christ, teach us to care. Amen.**

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

Time to share a greeting of peace with those who are with you physically, and a virtual greeting with those who are part of your circle of concern. Today our peace sharing includes virtual greetings from a variety of Peace families.

PASS THE HAT *Earth Ministry of Seattle*

Earth Ministry transforms faith into action for the well-being of communities and the environment. We organize people of faith to advocate for strong environmental policies and provide strategic guidance to religious communities working toward environmental justice.

OFFERING

Your monetary gifts support the ongoing ministry of our congregation and ELCA ministries around the world. You can give an offering today by connecting to our secure [Tithely Giving Page](#). Whatever size, your gift makes a difference—thank you for your support!

OFFERTORY

God of the River

TUNE: GOD OF THE SPARROW



1. God of the ri - ver, God of the creek, God of the sal - mon
2. God of the ot - ter, God of the hawk, God of the grizz - ly
3. God of the rain - bow, God of the cross, God who gives liv - ing



leap - ing, How does the crea- ture say Ho - ly?
bear, How does the crea- ture cry Won - der!
wa - ter, How does the crea- ture say Grace!



How does the crea - ture say Praise?
How does the crea - ture cry Save!
How does the crea - ture say Thanks!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P God, our Creator,

C through your love you have given us these gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks and our concern for all in need, including the beings with whom we share this planet home. With all creation, we bless you. Amen.

+ SENDING +

THE CALL

P Christ calls you to be his disciples,
to serve him with love and compassion,
to serve Earth by caring for creation
to serve by caring for all creatures.

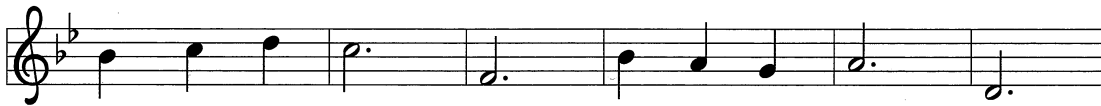
Will you care for creation?

C **We will care for the rivers!**
We will nurture our planet!
We will care for one another!
We will celebrate life!

SENDING HYMN

Touch the Earth Lightly

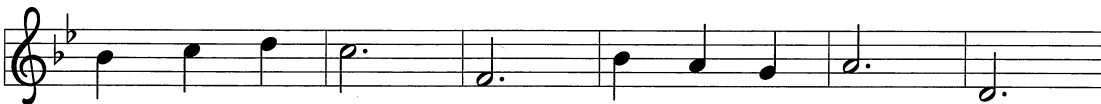
ELW #739



1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,



nour-ish the life of the world in our care:
a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
wa - ter that bless - es, and air that is sweet,
God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,



gift of great won - der, ours to sur - rend - er,
we who would fos - ter clouds of dis - as - ter—
health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,



trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com-plete.
us - ing us gent - ly, and mak - ing us one.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace, serving Christ and loving Earth.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Touch the Earth Lightly

Jim Hunt, Violin

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEASON OF CREATION IN JUNE

On our final *Season of Creation Sunday, June 20*, we're joined by BJ Cummings, author of *The River That Made Seattle*, and Duwamish Tribal member and Superfund Manager James Rasmussen. Paperboatbooksellers still has some copies of *The River That Made Seattle* -- reserved for Peace folks. Our *Season of Creation* celebration continues through Sunday, June 20. You can read about it in Pastor Erik Kindem's [Pastor's Pen](#) article in the June edition of [Peace Notes](#).

RECONCILING IN CHRIST AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME

Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness, in a world that can be filled with alienation and brokenness. In faithfulness to the Gospel and to our Lutheran heritage, we answer Christ's call to be agents of healing and safety, particularly for people who have been marginalized by our society. As a Christian community, we invite all people to join us as we work to better understand the meaning of grace for our lives. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities into the life and mission of our congregation.

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