



NORTHRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 16, 2022

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**January 16, 2022                      11:00 a.m.**

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**GATHERING**

Chiming of the Hour

Introit

God Created Heaven and Earth

arr. I-to Loh

*Taiwanese melody*

Welcome

**PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD**

✠ *indicates an invitation to rise in body or spirit*

✠ Call to Worship

*One: Come with your questions, come with your awe!*

**All: For the God who broods over the chaos meets us in this place.**

*One: Come with your energy, come with your weariness!*

**All: For the God who breathes new life into the dust meets us in this place.**

*One: Come with your sadness, come with your joy!*

**All: For the God who dared to become human meets us in this place.**

✠ Gathering Hymn #14

For the Beauty of the Earth

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Prayer of Confession

**All: Gracious God, thank you for the beauty of this world. Sometimes we can get so wrapped up in its pain and brokenness that we miss its wonders. We confess our hesitation to delight in your creation and our inclination to withhold gratitude. We shrug off your promise that beauty can come from the tiniest seed.**

*Silence for personal confession*

*One: Open our eyes, O God,*

**All: So that we may see what you see when you gaze at your creation, your church, your children. Write your vision on our hearts so that we, too, proclaim that your world is good. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

✠ Passing the Peace

*One: The peace of Christ be with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

✠ Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

## **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:1-5; 1:26-28

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*One: The Word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Why God Loves Football: Beauty Rev. Betsy Lyles Swetenburg

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

✠ Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in one God, who is Creator,  
Maker of all we see and all we don't see;  
Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human.  
He is one with the Creator; the Word made flesh, our Messiah: Savior of all creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit,  
Breath of God moving among us.  
Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ;  
Our Comforter and our Guide: Mentor of all creation! Amen.**

✠ Affirmation Response

JENNINGS-HOUSTON

**God the sculptor of the mountains, God the miller of the sand,  
God the jeweler of the heavens, God the potter of the land:  
you are womb of all creation; we are formless; shape us now.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## Call To Give

(To give via text, send a text message to [1-844-958-4345](tel:1-844-958-4345) with the amount of the gift. If you pledge, this offering will be applied to your pledge.)

Offertory

How Majestic is Your Name

Emma Lou Diemer

✠ Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore—One holy God, whom we adore. Amen.**

✠ Prayer of Dedication

**SENDING**

✠ Sending Hymn #23

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

PLEADING SAVIOR

✠ Charge and Benediction

**Go out into God's world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good;  
return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted;  
support the weak; help the suffering; honor all persons;  
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Closing Voluntary

Entrada on Lasst Uns Erfruen

Charles Callahan

## Leading worship today:

Rev. Betsy Lyles Swetenburg, Pastor

Bryan Page, Music Director

Julia Boudreaux, Organist

Sarah Bennett, Director of Communications

Rebecca Jones, Soundboard Operator

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At Northridge, we believe that the church is a gift that everyone deserves to enjoy. The church is a community of people who are committed to doing life together – enduring life's heartaches and celebrating life's joys, seeking out laughter, pursuing a more just world, and following the path Jesus set out for us. If you think Northridge may be that community for you, please reach out to Rev. Betsy Swetenburg at [betsys@northridgepc.org](mailto:betsys@northridgepc.org).

**For the month of January**  
No in-person Adult Connection Hour;  
groups such as Wired Word and Presbyterian Women will meet virtually.

**January 16**

Kids Connection (10:00-10:50 a.m.), Children's Choir Rehearsal (9:40-10:00 a.m.),  
and Youth Group (5:30-6:30 p.m.) all resume.

**January 30**

An annual meeting of the congregation held at 10:00 a.m. in a hybrid format for the purpose of electing officers, electing members of the Officer Nominating Committee, approving notice requirements of the Annual Congregational Meeting, and approving the terms of call for the Senior Pastor. The budget, as approved by session, will also be distributed, and congregants will have the opportunity to hear the vision behind it. Zoom meeting details will be distributed via email on Sunday morning, January 30. Attendees who wish to meet in person will gather in Quillin Hall.

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♣ Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly  
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,  
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

♣ Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Christ, all crea - tures  
here be - low; Praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more - One  
ho - ly God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

# For the Beauty of the Earth 14

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:


## Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

# God, You Spin the Whirling Planets 23

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D) (G)  
 E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>



1 God, you spin the whirl-ing plan - ets, fill the seas and  
 2 You have called us to be faith - ful in our life and  
 3 God, your word is still cre - at - ing, call - ing us to

(D) (A) (D) (Bm) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D)  
 E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> Cm A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>



spread the plain, mold the moun-tains, fash-ion blos-soms, call forth  
 min - is - try. We re - spond in grate-ful wor-ship joined in  
 life made new. Now re - veal to us fresh vis - tas where there's

(G) (D) (A) (D) (G) (D) (A)  
 A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>



sun - shine, wind, and rain. We, cre - at - ed in your im - age,  
 one com - mu - ni - ty. When we blur your gra - cious im - age,  
 work to dare and do. Keep us clear of all dis - tor-tion.

(D) (Bm) (F#m) (G) (A) (D) (G)  
 E<sup>b</sup> Cm Gm A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>



would a true re - flec - tion be of your jus - tice,  
 fo - cus us and make us whole. Healed and strength - ened  
 Pol - ish us with lov - ing care. Thus, new crea - tures

(D) (G) (A) (D) (G) (Em) (D) (A) (D)  
 E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> Fm E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>



grace, and mer - cy and the truth that makes us free.  
 as your peo - ple, we move on - ward toward your goal.  
 in your im - age, we'll pro - claim Christ ev - ery - where.

This text was written for the 1979 National Meeting of United Presbyterian Women, whose theme, "In the Image of God," is variously considered here as reflection, focus, distortion, and polishing for clarity. The words are well set to an anonymous 19th-century American tune.

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