



PRELUDE

Fantasia on OLD HUNDREDTH

L. Trapp

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Many and Great

Dakota Tune, J.R. Renville

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#388 O God in Whom All Life Begins

NOEL

***INVOCATION AND 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 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 and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator -
Source, Saviour, and Spirit
You have made us to bear your image in your world.
When we join in the love and goodness
that flows from you, we love creation rightly,
and love and goodness
flows into your world through us.
But we have not loved your world rightly.
Trees suffer the anguish of fire when you have
designed them to tower and sway with your praise.
Your beloved creatures clamour to survive when you
have designed them to rest in your care and provision.
Waters overwhelm and destroy when you have made
them to be calm and bless the earth.
God, you are perfect order, but we cling to our disorder.
You are harmony, but we cling to chaos.
You are self-sacrifice, but we hold onto greed.
We confess we do not bear your image
well in the world.
Forgive us, loving Creator.
Mold us into your likeness and send us,
full of your Spirit, to heal and bless your world.
(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

R. Goodson

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

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-26

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

LITANY

One: In the beginning, while hovering over the waters of chaos,
the Word spoke. The Word did not *need* to speak. But because
of what the Word is, it spoke anyway.

Many: And the world came alive!

One: Through time, the Word spoke through communities of
people. It used these communities to show people what a
different world – a world where everything lived and flourished
by the Word – would be like.

Many: And the world came alive!

One: And then, the Word spoke by breaking through - right into
our lives. It looked like us, talked like us, struggled like us, lived
like us. The Word lived as the best version of us. Even in its
death –

Many: The world came alive!

One: Today, the Word still speaks – in and through us.

All: Let the world come alive! Hallelujah!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

#28 For Beauty of Meadows

ST. DENIO

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN OF MEDITATION**

#599 Shadow and Substance

TWILIGHT

SECOND READING

Genesis 1:27-2:4a

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

T. Shaw

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Gratitude**

***HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY**

#644 God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

HOLY MANNA

***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of
God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

***Sung Benediction**

Colourful Creator (from #643)

R. Duck/C.R. Young

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

The service of the church into the world -- begins again this week

***POSTLUDE**

Festive Finale

P. Lebenhauer

*Please stand, as you are able

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