

Science and Technology

February 13, 2022



Guest Preacher:
Christopher Williams



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(*Congregation may stand | Responses: Liturgist/**Congregation/all**)

Prelude

Organ Works from Kleine Präludien
und Intermezzi op. 9, (1932)
- Herman Schroeder

Scott Horton,
organ

Welcome

Christopher Williams

***Call to Worship**

(Inspired by Psalm 8)

Liturgist: Char Lund

One: Wonderful God! Awesome God!
How majestic is your name in all the universe.

All: Wonderful God! Awesome God!
How majestic is your name in all the universe.

One: Your glory is woven through the fabric of the heavens.
Everywhere we turn, below us, beside us, above us,
all that we experience is evidence of your presence.
Soil, grass, water, sun, moon, and stars,
all of them proof of your work in the universe.

All: Wonderful God! Awesome God!
How majestic is your name in all the universe.

One: We wonder: why do you care about us?
What are we compared to the galaxies spread across time and
space, or to the amazing worlds of life too small for us to see
or to the great animals of land and sea?

All: Wonderful God! Awesome God!
How majestic is your name in all the universe.

One: You have called us to be caretakers,
giving us curiosity and wonder that drive us to explore
the entirety of creation from the microscopic worlds of bacteria
and atoms to the telescopic worlds orbiting stars billions of miles
away.

All: Wonderful God! Awesome God!
How majestic is your name in all the universe.

One: We are called to care for every life here on earth,
and to seek out life that may exist out there in your universe,
all life everywhere, a part of your sacred work of creation.

All: Wonderful God! Awesome God!
How majestic is your name in all the universe.

***Hymn** “Stars and Planets Flung in Orbit” #567, pew hymnal

Opening Prayer

Holy God,
We long to feel connection with our bodies, the land, and each other.
Dominant forces make it difficult to move slow enough to do so. We
are deterred from lingering with breath, bumblebee, birch tree, and
beloveds. Enable our resistance to systems and norms that profit
from numbing-out and rushing past. We hope to learn to practice the
pace of connection. Amen.

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Liturgist: Char Lund

Choral Anthem “Creation Sings” Chancel Choir
- Townend/Getty, arr. Koerts

Time for Discovery

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still;
let this be our song — no one stands alone,
standing side by side. Draw the circle wide.

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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,
the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.*

Scripture Reading:

Luke 6:17-26

Liturgist: Char Lund

Sermon

Christopher Williams

***Hymn**

"Blest Are They" *Insert*

Invitation to Prayer

Sung Call to Prayer

**Lord, listen to your children praying:
Lord send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying:
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

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Prayers of the Church

Invitation to Generosity

Liturgist: Char Lund

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***Blessing and Sung Benediction**

Go now in peace, never be afraid;
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;
know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world will see
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

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It is our tradition to be seated for the Postlude.

Postlude

*"Poco vivace" from Kleine Präludien
und Intermezzi op. 9 - H. Schroeder*

Scott Horton,
organ

We Go Out to Love and Serve the World

New Worship Time!

**Starting on Sunday, March 6, we will be hosting an Exploration
Hour beginning at 9am!**

Our Worship Service will begin at 10:00am!

More information about Exploration Hour will be coming soon!

Stars and Planets Flung in Orbit

Ps. 148

Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., 1989

1 Stars and plan - ets flung in or - bit, gal - ax - ies that
 2 Skies a - dorned with sun - set splen - dor, si - lent peaks in
 3 Life in won - drous, wild pro - fu - sion, seed and fruit, each
 4 Hu - man - kind, earth's deep - est mys - tery, born of dust but

swirl through space, Pow - ers hid with - in the at - om,
 calm re - pose, Gold - en fields a - wait - ing har - vest,
 flower and tree, Beast and fish and swarm - ing in - sect,
 touched by grace, Torn a - part by tongue and col - or,

cells that form an in - fant's face: These, O God, in
 foam - ing surf and fra - grant rose: Earth, its boun - ty
 soar - ing bird, re - joic - ing, free: These, your crea - tures,
 yet a sin - gle, striv - ing race: We, in whom you

si - lence praise you; by your wis - dom they are made.
 clothed with beau - ty, ech - oes all cre - a - tion's praise.
 join in cho - rus, prais - ing you in word - less song.
 trace your im - age, add our words to na - ture's song.

Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., began his ministry as a parish pastor. His long association with Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg began in 1962 when he joined the faculty as professor of preaching, and continued until 1989 when he retired as president emeritus.

Tune: LAUDA ANIMA 8.7.8.7.8.7.
 John Goss, 1869

BLEST ARE THEY

David Haas

Verses 1-3



1. Blest are they, the poor in spir - it, theirs is the
 2. Blest are they, the low - ly ones, they shall in -
 3. Blest are they — who show mer - cy, mer - cy

1. king - dom of God. Blest are they, —
 2. her - it the earth. Blest are they who
 3. shall be theirs. Blest are they, the

1. full — of sor - row, they shall be — con - soled.
 2. hun - ger and thirst, they shall have — their fill.
 3. pure — of heart, they — shall see God!

Refrain



Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you! Re -
 joice and be glad! Yours is the king - dom of God!

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This Week at Big Red

Monday, Feb. 14

- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)

Friday, Feb. 18

- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)

Tuesday, Feb. 15

- ♦ **6:00pm:** Church Council Meeting
(Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, Feb. 19

- ♦ No Events

Wednesday, Feb. 16

- ♦ **8:00am:** Bible Study (Zoom)
- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)
- ♦ **6:00pm:** Handbell Rehearsal
(Music Room)
- ♦ **7:00pm:** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
(Sanctuary)
- ♦ Grapeleaf Submissions Due

Sunday, Feb. 20

- ♦ **9:30am:** Worship (Sanctuary)

Thursday, Feb. 17

- ♦ **2:00pm:** Ministry of Outreach
(Zoom)
- ♦ **6:00pm:** Ministry of Worship
(Zoom)

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FCCF Open and Affirming Statement

We believe that all people are sacred creations of a loving God. We affirm the diversity that exists among us. We strive to answer the call of Christ by extending his love, compassion and acceptance to everyone. In this spirit, we open our family of faith to people of every religious background, sexual orientation, family composition, physical and mental ability, race, age and gender.

As Christians, we experience God's reconciling love. In response we stand with those who suffer discrimination, isolation and alienation.

We welcome all people to participate fully in our church's life and ministry. We celebrate the variety of talents and perspectives which flow into our spiritual community, continuing to enrich us in ways we could not have predicted or envisioned.