

**The Worship of God**  
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – September 12, 2021 – 10:30 Morning Worship  
**Welcome to First Presbyterian Church via Zoom!**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

**GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise for tree, star, and ocean.

**God's creation.**

Praise for child, teen, adult, and elder.

**God's creation.**

Praise for sun, snow, and rain.

**God's creation.**

Praise for creatures finned, winged, and hoofed.

**God's creation.**

Praise for cell, molecule, and atom.

**Praise for all of God's creation.**

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, you have shaped us in your likeness.

You have formed us as part of creation.

Your love is our ongoing inheritance.

**May our living reflect these holy gifts.**

SING

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

#14 3 verses

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are joined to every grain of sand:

**Earth does not belong to us – we belong to Earth.**

We are joined to every shining leaf:

**Earth does not belong to us – we belong to Earth.**

We are joined to every drop of rain:

**Earth does not belong to us – we belong to Earth.**

We are joined to every creature's breath:

**Earth does not belong to us – we belong to Earth.**

We are joined to every beam of light:

**Earth does not belong to us – we belong to Earth.**

We are joined to every particle of creation.

**Earth does not belong to us – we belong to Earth.**

We may know this, and yet –

**we confess our arrogance, ignorance, and greed in how we treat Creation.**

*(silence for reflection)*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We are joined forever to God's remarkable love  
which brings us to a place of healing and action.

Through this love, we can live out these words:

**Earth does not belong to us – we belong to Earth.**

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

I invite you to turn to one another and share a sign of peace:

You're invited to unmute yourselves and exchange peace with one another

## LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### LESSON 1

Proverbs 1:20-33

#### LESSON 2

James 3:1-12

...The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

#### REFLECTION

Rev. Susan Phillips

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

#### SING

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

#307 2 verses

#### GIVING OUR GIFTS

#### DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#606

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Merciful God, your love and grace sustain us day by day.

**May we offer these gifts with gratitude, and offer our own gifts  
with the generosity you have shown to us.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE CHAT WINDOW

#### LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors)

## SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

#### SING

"May the God of Hope Go with Us"

#765

#### SENDING FORTH

May the God who formed the singing cricket bring us peace.

May the God who formed the rushing wave grant us strength.

May the God who formed the graceful eagle grant us wisdom.

May the God whose image we reflect bless and guide us.

**Amen.**

#### POSTLUDE