

Announcements

October 18, 2020

Today: Worship: 10am – Facebook Livestream

*All events and meetings scheduled
at the church are suspended for now.*

Next Sunday: Worship: 10am – Facebook Livestream

Welcome to the Red Lodge Community Church.

Celebrating Joys!

The creation that we are called to care for!

Healing that takes place in grief

The great weather for hiking!

We Keep in Prayer:

Eileen Rieger; Virginia Robertson; Sharon Scott; Kim Ferguson; David Vaile; Macey Ropp Bennett; Tom Ertin; Steve Hanson; Loretta Sironen; Lynette Coleman; Debbie Bratton; Colleen Stevenson; Nicholas; Hank Hawkins; Jean Walters; Kit and Cort Richards; Bill; Lonna Bradley and her son Brandon Arthur; Bruce Haughey; Gary; David Ritter; David Scott; Russ Born; Skip Aleksich; David Peterson; Morgan; Phil Schneider; Norm, Todd and Kandi Kinney; Jim McWaters; Kathleen Sauders; Ann and Bill Gwathney; Ken Awes; Wylie and his family; Andrew Ray; Chuck Lorenz; Ken Carter; Lily Cords; Frank Pirtz; Erinn Awes; Tony Krumheuer; Wayne Stevenson; Lt. Col. Matt Born ANG and all those deployed to respond to COVID-19; health care workers in Carbon and Yellowstone Counties; those suffering from the COVID-19 and those suffering with them; and everyone around the world as we live in these challenging times; our city, our Mayor, City Council, and police department; those who walk in a place of fear and distrust; all teachers and students returning to the classroom both in person and virtually during this time of pandemic; traveling mercies for those on the road; Firefighters responding to the wild fires; hunters and hikers.

All those who are homebound or in care facilities, especially:

Sheila Seiffert, Marklyn Lynn, Bill Wilson, Evelyn Rolshovan, Joyce and Al Miller, Mr. Bill, Joyce Lindberg, Bob and Becky Tirrell, and Fay Rosser.

Those Who Are Grieving

The family and friends of Dennis Brophy

The family and friends of Sandy Harris

The family and friends of Barbara Stark

All those walking in grief

To add or remove someone from the prayer list, please email your request to: rlccprayers@gmail.com.

Red Lodge Community Church
Sunday, October 18, 2020

Prelude
(Instrumental)

Welcome

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Red Lodge Land Acknowledgment

We begin by acknowledging, with humility, that the land where we reside and worship today was a traditional place of living, hunting and worship for the "Apsaalooke People" who we now know as the Crow People.

We also acknowledge with gratitude the indigenous peoples and Nations on whose land we live throughout Montana and Northern Wyoming:

The Blackfeet, Salish, Kootenai and Pend D'Oreilles (PENDORAY)

The Assiniboine (ASSINABOYN) & Gros Ventre (GROW-VANT)

The Sioux, Northern Cheyenne, Chippewa Cree

Eastern Shoshone & Northern Arapaho

Let us remember that we occupy their sacred land.

Invocation

God, our Creator, whose glory fills our planet, help us to discern your vibrant presence among us and our kin in creation, especially in the rivers, the streams, and the waterways of Earth. Help us to empathize with your creatures who are suffering and to serve you as agents for healing the rivers. In the name of Christ, who reconciles and restores all things in creation. Amen.

Sacred Text

Revelation 22:1-5

"God's healing for Earth"

22 Then the angel^[a] showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life^[b] with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants^[c] will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Creation Creed

All: We believe that God creates all things, renews all things, and celebrates all things.

We believe Earth is a sanctuary, a sacred planet filled with God's presence,
a home for us to share with all creatures.

We believe every creature joins us in praising God.

We see many suffer with Earth because of human crimes against creation.

We believe that God became incarnate as a part of Earth, Jesus Christ, that he lived and breathed and spoke among us, suffered and died on a cross, for all human beings and for all creation.

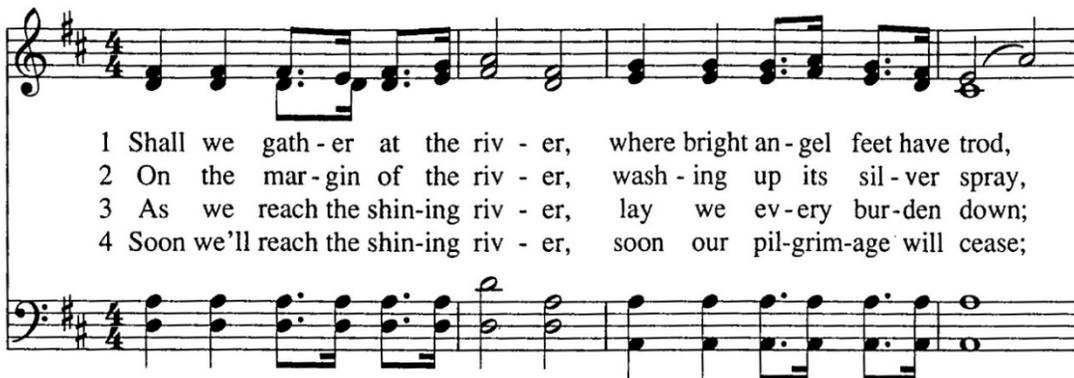
We believe that the risen Jesus Christ fills the whole creation, reconciling all things to God,
renewing all things.

We believe the Spirit renews life in creation, groans in empathy with every suffering creature, and waits with us for the rebirth of the whole creation.

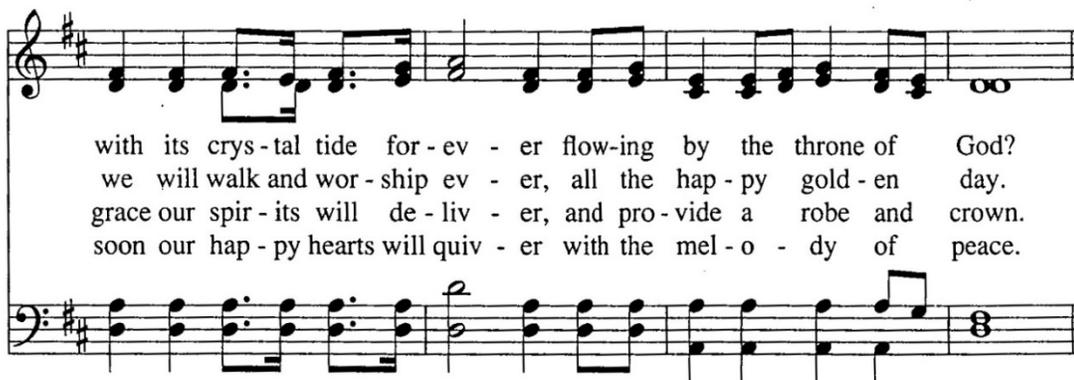
We believe that with Christ we will rise and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation, reconciled,
restored, and renewed.

Hymn

"Shall We Gather by the River"



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 As we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - ery bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv - er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv - er,

Gath-er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Written during a time when an epidemic was claiming many lives in New York, Robert Lowry's hymn raised the question "Shall we meet again?" Lowry was pastor at Hanson Place Baptist Church in Brooklyn from 1861 to 1869, and collaborated on numerous hymn collections with William H. Doane.

Tune: HANSON PLACE 8.7.8.7. with refrain
Robert Lowry, 1864

Service of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Remembrance of Our Baptism

Our God created new life forms and brought them up from the waters of chaos,
embraced them, and called them good.

The waters of Rock Creek, Clark's Fork and the Yellowstone surround us and give us hope. The water of
Glacier Lake provides sustenance and life.

Jesus, baptized in the river Jordan by John the Baptist,
became living water for us and embraces all of us.

Jesus embraces those who are poor, oppressed, marginalized
and all others who come seeking.

We follow Jesus with our Baptism,
marking a starting place for new life and new ways of being.

Sharing the Meal

Community Prayer

Jesus Christ, teach us to empathize with Earth.
Make our spirits sensitive to the cries of creation,
cries for justice from the hills and the trees.
Jesus Christ, make our faith sensitive to the groans of the Spirit,
groans from the deserts, the plains, and the winds.
Jesus Christ, make our souls sensitive to the call of our kin,
species in pain calling from land, sea, and air.
Jesus Christ, teach us to care. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

As our Brother Christ has taught us, we now pray,
using the words of a member of the Nez Perce tribe:

**O Great Spirit, Creator of the universe,
You are our Shepherd Chief in the most high place.
Whose home is everywhere, even beyond the stars and moon.
Whatever you want done,
let it, also be done everywhere.
Give us your gift of bread day by day.
Forgive us our wrongs
as we forgive those who wrong us.
Take us away from wrong doings.
Free us from all evil.
For everything belongs to you.
Let your power and glory shine forever. Amen.**

Hymn

"On Eagle's Wings"

Offertory

(Instrumental)

Prayer of Dedication

All: Gracious God,
With these gifts we can only hope to be your love through our actions.
We are grateful for the opportunity to give back a portion
of what we receive from you.
As we meditate in this time on our financial commitment to your Church,
we ask that our hearts and minds be open to your guidance. Amen.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

Hymn

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Slowly

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know that Spir - it's full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

to Refrain

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to stay with Je - sus all the way."

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav-en-ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill-ing us with your love; And for these bless-ings we

lift our hearts in praise. With-out a doubt we'll know that we have

lift our hearts in praise. With-out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

Poem

"In Praise of Water"

John O'Donohue

Sermon

"Reconciled, Restored, Renewed"

Pastor Pam Peterson

Hymn

"Go My Children, With My Blessing"

1 Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone;
2 Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me;

Wak - ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own;
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis-mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er,
Here my Spir - it's pow-er filled you, here with ten - der com-fort stilled you;

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own.
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free.

Benediction

Christ calls you to be his disciples,
to serve him with love and compassion,
to serve Earth by caring for creation,
honoring the rivers God has created to provide all creatures with the water of life.



Participating in Today's Service

Worship Leader – Pastor Pam Peterson

Liturgists – The Family of Erinn Ackley, Dan Seifert, & Eliza Seifert

Musician – Andrea Holmen

Choir – Steve Hanson, JoAnn Eder, Libby Gardner, Karen Simmons, Russ Born, & Alan Schuyler

Videography, Audio, and Tech Support – Jay West

Eagle photos by Randy Dragon and Cristie Herbst

Poem – “In Praise of Water,” John O'Donohue, "To Bless the Space Between Us: A Book of Blessings" 2008:
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