

Veronica Floyd: Today, we are celebrating God with us in all the beauty of life. We are in a loving relationship with all of creation, the sky, the Earth, the animals, the plants, and each other. Welcome to our friends on Skype and in the Chapel. As we think about the colors of Fall, we begin together.

ALL: In the Name of God, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit. AMEN

FIRST SONG: God Is So Good.

- 1) **God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, God's so good to me.**
- 2) **God cares for me, God cares for me, God cares for me, God's so good to me.**
- 3) **God answers prayer, God answers prayer, God answers prayer, God's so good to me.**
- 4) **God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, God's so good to me.**

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Pastor: We have a special theme song today written by a friend of mine in 1973. Today, he is a Deacon and still singing songs and helping people. This song looks at all kinds of life's situations. The song is our Confession and Redemption moment in the order of worship today. See if you can find those themes as we sing.

First, we are going to sing the refrain together. You may sing the whole song but let's practice the refrain:

**And, may I live my life in colors,
Bright, glorious colors . . . of every hue!
Oh, may I live my life in colors,
Bright, glorious colors . . . of love from you!**

THE COLOR SONG

Verse 1

All the colors of your love Lord come to me from those I meet.
From my family and friends, from those who live and work with me.
May I see your face in each one. May our love grow every day.
And, may I be for them a loving light along the way.

Refrain

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Verse 2

There are those Lord who are hungry. There are those Lord who are poor.
There are those who suffer failure. Those who live each day at war.
May I learn, and pray, and act Lord so that I may always be
A channel of your love and hope to everyone I see.

Verse 3

May I always praise you Father. May your son, Christ be my guide.
May your Spirit fill my life today. May I become alive.
Knowing that you are beside me, that your grace will see me through,
Has filled my life with joy and hope and love to share from you.

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First Bible Reading

Reader: This reading is a summary of verses in Genesis Chapter 9.

God spoke to Noah and his family, saying: I establish My covenant with you and your descendants forever. I also make this covenant with every living creature, the birds, the cattle, every beast of the Earth that goes out of the ark with you. I promise never to destroy the Earth with a flood but to love and prosper the Earth.

I am making the rainbow rise in the clouds of the sky as a sign of my promises to you, the Earth, and every living creature. Whenever I see the rainbow in the clouds, I will remember my covenant. I give you my rainbow as a sign of my promises. The rainbow will be my sign, my signature of this covenant with all creation forever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SING: Refrain

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Prayer:

Dear God. You have given us this beautiful place to live, Earth. We thank you for everything, our families, the animals, the trees, and the flowers. The best thing we can do is say thank you.

ALL: AMEN!

Second Bible Reading: The reading is a summary of selected verses of Revelation Chapter 21

God has a plan to renovate, remodel, and make all of creation new in the future. Yes, it is true. After all the struggle caused by some people being selfish and self-centered is over, God will make a new heaven and a new earth. We will all be there. God calls it The New Heavens and The New Earth. The best part is God plans to live with us in person in the New Heavens and New Earth. There will be no more tears, no more sorrows, no more war, no more poverty, and best of all, no more death. When all is done, God will say; "Behold, I make all things new. It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will freely give the water of life to anyone who thirsts. To those who stay with me, they will inherit all things, and I will be their God, and they will be my people forever."

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Gospel Reading: Today's Gospel reading combines Luke 10:25 -28 and Matthew 22:34 – 40. One day a lawyer asked Jesus what he had to do to live forever in the Kingdom of God. Jesus told the man, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, your

soul, your strength, and your mind. You must also love your neighbor as yourself. If you do this, you shall live.”

This is the Gospel of The Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

SERMON

- 1) “All the colors of your love Lord come to me through those I meet.” God has made all of our ethnicities, all of our nationalities, as expressed in colors of our skin tones, in the accents of our spoken words, etc. Therefore, we should celebrate every ethnic culture and see all people as valuable and equal at all times.
- 2) Fall Colors Things appear to be dying to bring us these colors. Winter reminds us of separation, but Spring teaches New Life.
- 3) God's Creation is full of Color: Hubble Space Telescope pictures, and Ocean
- 4) Rainbow is God's design. Notice, our chairs are on the rainbow because we live in a relationship with God and each other.
- 5) God's throne is surrounded by the rainbow: Ezekiel 1:28 and Revelation 4:3.
- 6) Relationship with the living God. I might “believe in _____” but I am in a relationship with _____. We do not “believe” in God; we are in a relationship with God. We might ask God to deepen our understanding and experience of the relationship.
- 7) God is going to make a New Heavens and a New Earth.
- 8) We are to take care of Earth because we are in a relationship with it: clean air, clean water, how to handle waste (landfills?), pick up after ourselves, make sure we do not waste food (wasting food is disrespectful of the planet), care for the plants.
- 9) Ian McLaughlin is an Earth Scientist and Educator, and Christian who loves God. Ian is going to talk about trees.
- 10) Jesus tells us to be in a relationship with God, love God with our whole person, and love people, all kinds of people the same way we love and respect ourselves. We can think of the variety of types of people as the colors of God's love in verse 1. Those we meet.
- 11) Jesus is actually with us. Jesus said, “I am with you always to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:16, the last verse of Matthew's Gospel. Jesus is here. We are in a relationship.

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Solo Song: "Path to the Moon"

Kaiden: Jesus is with us. Jesus cares for every need of every person. Jesus asks us to think about and pray for the needs of others. In verse 2, we said, "There are those Lord who are hungry. There are those Lord who are poor. There are those who suffer failure. Those who live each day at war." We can add those who are sick, especially with COVID and other long-term illnesses. I am going to pray now. Join me silently.

Lord Jesus, we are thinking about people who are hungry, who are poor, who suffer failure, and people who are at war. We are thinking about the grieving and those who are sick. We ask your blessing on everyone we are thinking about right now. May your will be accomplished in their lives.

ALL: AMEN

Lisa Frost: Every organization we form in life requires money and talent to keep going. The church is not "of the world," but we are indeed "in the world." So at this time, we invite you to share in our expenses and invest with us in this ministry so we can pay our bills "in the world." We always say, give what you can but never give your last. You may also make a gift online through our website anytime. We will also set the Communion Table now. (Explanation given)

Lisa will give a prayer and we will sing the Doxology.

ALL: Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly hosts. Praise God the Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Pastor: Truly present and risen among us, the Lord is with you!

ALL: And also with you!

Pastor: As His Body, we lift up our hearts!

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord!

Pastor: As His Church, we give thanks to the Lord, our God!

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Bread:

ALL: Before He was given up to death, a death He freely accepted, He took the bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and eat it: This is my body which will be given up for you. Do this in memory of me.

Cup:

ALL: When the supper was ended, He took the cup. Again He gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to His disciples, and said: Take this, all of you, and drink from it: This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Proclamation of Faith:

Keep in mind that Jesus Christ has died for us and is risen from the dead. He is our saving Lord. He is joy for all ages.

FINAL DOXOLOGY and AMEN

ALL: It is through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, that all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, forever and ever.

AMEN

**ALL: 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,
forever and ever. Amen**



We Are Sent Forth To Serve

Pastor: The Lord is with you!

ALL: And also with you!

Pastor: (a prayer is said) In the Name of God, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen

ALL: Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

(Romans 15:13)

Pastor: We go forth in peace and love to serve the Lord ...

ALL: ... on our journey into renewal, fresh beginnings, new possibilities, and a renewed embrace of our potential! Thanks be to God.

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OUR CALENDAR

October 12 Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m. Bible Enrichment. Study on Abraham, Part 2 Michael leading.

October 19 Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m. Bible Enrichment. Study on Abraham, Part 3 Michael leading.

October 26 Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m. Bible Enrichment. Study on Abraham, Part 4 Michael leading.

October 29 Friday @ 2:00 p.m. Council Meeting

SUNDAY OCTOBER 31 Reformation Sunday, we celebrate the 38th Anniversary and the start of our 39th year of ministry.

November 21 Feast Of The Kingship of Christ

November 28 Advent WK I

Hanukkah Starts at sundown Day 1

November 29 Hanukkah Day 2

November 30 Hanukkah Day 3

December 1 Hanukkah Day 4

December 2 Hanukkah Day 5

December 3 Hanukkah Day 6

December 4 Hanukkah Day 7

November 30 Tuesday @ 2:00 p.m. Council Meeting

December 5 Advent WK II

December 5 Hanukkah Day 8

December 6 Hanukkah ends at sundown.

December 12 Advent WK III Gaudete Sunday Pride in the Winter

December 17 Friday @ 2:00 p.m. Council Meeting

December 19 Advent WK IV

December 26 NATIVITY

December 27 Kwanzaa day 1&2 8:45 PM service online

December 28 Kwanzaa day 3 8:45 PM service online

December 29 Kwanzaa day 4 8:45 PM service online

December 30 Kwanzaa day 5&6 8:45 PM service online

December 31 no service

January 1 Kwanzaa day 7 8:45 PM service online

January 2 Holy Name

January 9 Epiphany— Visitation of the Magi

January 16 The Baptism Of The Lord—30 yrs. old

January 23 new Memorial of Saint Marianne Cope of Syracuse, NY

38th Annual Meeting of the Congregation and burning of the mortgage.