



**Worship Bulletin Friday, July 30**  
*“Gift of great wonder”*

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 98*

O sing to the Lord a new song,  
**for he has done marvelous things.**  
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
**break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**  
The Creator has done marvelous things -  
**Let us sing a new song!**  
Let all the earth join the choir  
**Making a joyful noise!**

HYMN 713 - Touch the Earth Lightly, all verses

OPENING REFLECTION<sup>1</sup>

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. — Psalm 98:4*

CONFESSION & PARDON

Response of Praise 591 - Halle, Halle (*refrain*)

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE      John 4:25-26

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<sup>1</sup> Make Noise! Katie Mulligan; The Words of Her Mouth: Psalms for the Struggle; Martha Spong, Ed; Pilgrim Press, 2020

The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Karoline Lewis

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - 634 - To God Be the Glory  
OFFERING

*Tonight’s monetary offerings will be received in the baskets as you exit.*

COMMISSIONING<sup>2</sup>

We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

**The great ends of the Church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.**

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Show your purpose by answering these questions.

Who is your Lord and Savior? **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.** Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love? **I will, with God’s help.**

Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world? **I do.** Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God’s mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit? **I will, with God’s help.**

Do you, Friends, confirm our communal call of God to in the service of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Will you support and encourage one another in this ministry? **We will.**

**Almighty God,  
in Jesus Christ you called disciples  
and, by the Holy Spirit,  
made them one church to serve you.  
Let your Spirit rule your church,  
so that we may be joined  
in love and service to Jesus Christ,**

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<sup>2</sup> Adapted from Commissioning, pg 518; Book of Common Worship, 2018 WJK Press

**who, having gone before us,  
is coming to meet us  
in the promise of your kingdom. Amen.**

HYMN -The Earth Is the Lord's - Gillette (St. Denio)

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."  
Creation reminds us, O God, of your love.  
By grace we are learning, as year leads to year,  
We're called to be stewards, your caretakers here.

Your rainforests nurture the world that we share.  
Your wetlands give animals shelter and care.  
Your coral reefs cradle the life of the sea.  
You've shown us, in love, what your good world can be.

Too often, O God, we abuse your good earth.  
We fail to remember its beauty and worth.  
We take from creation much more than we need,  
We threaten your world through indifference and greed.

May we be good stewards of all that you give,  
Protecting creation wherever we live.  
May we be a church that renews and restores  
And lovingly cares for this earth that is yours.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord's Prayer

*Onze Vader*

SENDING

HYMN 757 - Today We are Called

BLESSING & CHARGE<sup>3</sup>

**Go, and join the song of creation, singing out in praise to God.  
Go and join the cries of creation, yearning for healing.  
Go and work for the healing and wholeness of all the earth.  
Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL BLESSING- 547, Go, My Children, with my Blessing

POSTLUDE - Alleluia Chorus

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<sup>3</sup> Book of Common Worship; 2018; Westminster John Knox Press; Service for the Care of Creation