



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

Today we begin “Journey through the Bible,” a series which will take us through familiar and unfamiliar stories of Scripture. Sunday school will follow the same stories when they resume October 4. Our journey begins this week in Genesis, with *Adam and Eve*.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

INVOCATION

We gather for worship in the name of our + Triune God: **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.**

READING: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17

^{4b} In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶ **but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground—** ⁷ then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; **and the man became a living being.**

⁸ And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; **and there he put the man whom he had formed.**

⁹ Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ¹⁵ **The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.**

¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷ **but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Creative, passionate God, you delight to shape the world in beauty and harmony. You invite us to participate in the balance of creation.

We grow in wisdom as our experience unfolds; we take good learning out of difficult situations yet also find our well-meant endeavors leading to unintended consequences. **Too often we give in to temptation that disrupts the joyous, chaotic order of the universe.**

We cannot undo all our mistakes, but we can turn once more to the living presence of Jesus and find new ways to live and love each other and the earth. **Do not let our hearts be fearful, but let us in silence acknowledge our sin and seek the forgiveness that restores your peace.**

Silence for reflection...

Words of Assurance

Even as Adam and Eve faced the consequences of their sin, God prepared a way for them to still be connected to the earth and to God's presence. God has prepared a way for us, as well: in Christ's death and resurrection, your sins are forgiven, and your relationship with God is restored; in the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

~ adapted from Tempting! Service Prayers for the First Sunday of Lent, written by the Rev. Elizabeth Dilley. Posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways website. www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways

GATHERING SONG

This Is My Father's World (ELW #824)

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise; the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise. This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget that, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad? The Lord is king, let heaven ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

"This Is My Father's World." Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901. Music: Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930, adapt. 1880. Public Domain.

READING: Genesis 2:18-25

¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.”

¹⁹ So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field;

but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ **Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.”**

²⁴ Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵ **And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.**

KYRIE (ELW p. 184)

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Lord God, architect of the universe, Your design of creation is unflawed. Yet we continue to litter your creation with defects and imperfections. Show us how not to destroy, but to create, not to demean, but to uplift, not to hate, but to love, so that your creation may be made perfect once again. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

LET THE CHILDREN COME...

READING: Genesis 3:1-24

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” ² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’”

⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

⁸ They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰ He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

¹¹ He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹² The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.” ¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

¹⁶ To the woman he said, “I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷ And to the man he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

²⁰ The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹ And the LORD God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them.

²² Then the LORD God said, “See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”— ²³ therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ He drove out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON - Consequences

SONG OF THE DAY

There is a Redeemer (binder #80)

There is a Redeemer, Jesus God's own Son; Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Refrain:

Thank You O my Father for giving us Your Son and leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus my Redeemer, name above all names; Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain. (refrain)

When I stand in glory, I will see His face. There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place. (refrain)

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APOSTLES' CREED (ELW p. 189)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 191)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. 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.

Sending

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into truth and life. Amen.

SENDING SONG

God of Wonders (binder #17)

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky, The heavens are Your tabernacle;
Glory to the Lord on high.

God of Wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy; The universe declares our majesty. You are holy, holy; Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light. When I stumble in the darkness, I will call Your name by night.

God of Wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy; The universe declares Your majesty. You are holy, holy; Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

God of Wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy; The universe declares Your majesty. You are holy, holy; Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth. Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth. Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.

God of Wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy; The universe declares Your majesty. You are holy, holy; Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

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DISMISSAL (ELW p. 192)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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Ministry & Mission Information

Large Print Bulletins

If you struggle reading this, the words on the screen, your pew hymnal or pew Bible, we have large print bulletins available which include the full service order of today's worship.

Hearing assistance in-ear speakers are available from our ushers.

Prayer Concerns

Kerlange Aristide in Haiti, her husband Armstrong and baby Zeke, & Lois Jones (Val Olson's sister, cancer), Sandy Almlie

Baptism

Congratulations to Todd & Shanda Christianson on the baptism of their daughter, Layeton Mae, yesterday. Her baptismal sponsors are Trevor Horn, Lindsey Illerbrunn and Koree Hoffman.

"God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday

After today's worship, we will be making cards for care center residents and cleaning Wheatland residents' windows.

Great Plains Food Bank

The Great Plains Food Bank semi-truck (part of LSS) will be at our church parking lot, distributing food baskets for our community on Wednesday, September 23, 2:45-3:45pm. Come if you are in need! Volunteers are needed to help, from approximately 2:30-4:00pm.

Online Worship Needs

We're excited to share **we will be purchasing digital equipment and a camera** to improve access and quality for those worshipping from home. Initial funding will come from the church's dedicated music fund; two additional gifts have already been given toward this project, more **gifts are welcome** (please write "camera fund" in the memo).

Sunday, September 6

Not including those who tuned in online, 28 disciples were sent out from our in-person worship in God's name to make a difference and \$2,900 was given to support our ministry. Gifts given online through tithe.ly are included in the last Sunday of the month total.

In-Person Worship & Covid-19

We thank Mike and Connie for continuing and increasing cleaning and sanitation at the church. For the time being:

- pews are taped off for social distancing;
- we will refrain from handshakes and passing offering plates;
- we will not have congregational singing (**except when worshipping outdoors**) or coffee after church;
- worship attendees will be encouraged but not required to wear face masks;
- additional precautions are being taken when distributing Holy Communion;
- the congregation will be ushered out following worship services.

(Some of this is more for indoor services!)

Lost Items

Miscellaneous items can be found on the lost & found shelf in the narthex. Also unclaimed coats on the coat rack.

Sunday School

We are making adjustments to our programming for Sunday school this school year and will be resuming LATER this year, on the first weekend in October (10/04). We will have 9:15am start times.

We are still in need of teachers; please contact Carla Gemmill if interested or if you have a new K-6 student you would like to enroll.

PRBC Ham & Meatball Dinner

September 27, 11am-2pm, TAKE OUT ONLY from Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Park River. Includes ham, meatballs, mashed potatoes, corn, lefse, buns, cranberries and dessert. Call PRBC for pre-sale tickets (\$20) or uncooked lutefisk (\$10/lb). \$25 tickets at-the-door.

Bibles for Three-year-olds

During our September 27 worship, we will be giving Story Bibles to three-year-olds in our congregation. We have contacted families with three-year-olds to join us for worship that day as we celebrate this gift with them.

Getting Worship to You

Dale Klein continues to make DVDs of our services. We are also streaming our 10am Sunday worship services live on our church Facebook page. Services and their sermons are also edited and posted to our YouTube and church websites.

Free Covid-19 Testing

Every Wednesday, 9am-11am, by appointment only, in the parking lot behind the Cavalier County courthouse. Call 256-2402 to set up an appointment and pre-register at www.testreg.nd.gov.

Today's Faith and Care Leaders

Reader: Kim Hart
Ushers: Jerry & Bev Domres
Projectionist: Victor Long
Organists: Kathie Johnson & Lisa Schuler
Cantors: Becky Tollefson
& Sydney Crockett

Next Sunday's Leaders

Reader: Linda Balsdon
Communion Prep: Skyler Moline
Communion Asst: Carla Gemmill
Ushers: Scott & Tina LaPorte family
Acolytes: Meredith Romfo
& Catelyn Goodman
Projectionist: Nathan Kitchin
Organists: Kathie Johnson & Lisa Schuler
Cantors: Becky Tollefson
& Janet Jacobson

The Week Ahead at ULC

Today: 11AM "God's Work, Our Hands Sunday" service projects
Monday: 4PM P.E.O. (tentatively)
Wednesday: 6PM 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation
7PM 9th Grade Confirmation
Next Sunday: 10AM Worship with Holy Communion

Welcome to United! We are glad you're here and we pray today's worship would be a blessing to you. Children are welcome here; we have a "quiet space" just in our fellowship area just out our sanctuary's south doors and a nursery with a speaker available to listen to the worship service. If you are looking for a church home or would like more information, please let Pastor Karl know.

Questions for today's Bible story of Adam and Eve:

- * What do you think it means for the human beings to "keep" the earth (Gen. 2:15)?
- * How would you describe temptation?
- * The woman has often been blamed for introducing sin into the world. Do you think that blame is justified on the basis of this text? Why or why not?
- * How would you describe God's relationship to sinful human beings in Genesis 3:21?

Name(s)		
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City	State	Zip

- I/we received communion today (please indicate at least annually)
- I contributed my offering with Bill Pay through my bank
- Prayers requested/answered:
- I would like a Pastor to call regarding:

Today, I am a

- Member
- First Time Visitor
- Second Time Visitor
- Regular Visitor

Please send me information about membership in United Lutheran Church

I am a member of another church. Where?

What brought you to United today?