

Evening Worship Service

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 | 6 o'clock in the evening



For the Beauty of the Earth . . .



COTUIT FEDERATED CHURCH

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WELCOME

Thank you for joining our worship service this evening. All are invited to worship with us at any time. Sunday services are offered at 10 a.m. on FaceBook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/cotuitfederatedchurch>.

WELCOME

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: Our genesis is in you, O God, our beginnings are in Eden.

Many: ***Our origins are those of every man and woman.***

One: Forgive us the falseness of what we have become, the ugliness and division of which we are a part.

Many: ***Restore us to the truthfulness of our birth in you, the heritage of all that has being.***

All: ***Renew us this night in the genesis of our soul, the beauty of Eden deep in each created thing.***

During the sung portions of the service, please lift your voice silently in your heart to our Lord.

OPENING HYMN

For The Beauty of the Earth

Hymnal 92

WORDS: Folliot S. Pierpoint

MUSIC: Conrad Kocher

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies; **Refrain.***

Refrain: *Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

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*For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon,
and stars of light; **Refrain.***

*For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight; **Refrain.***

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild; **Refrain.***

*For thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love; **Refrain.***

*For thyself, best Give Divine, to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth,
and joy in heaven: **Refrain.***

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

Genesis 2:1-4

Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 77

- 1 I cried out to God for help;
I cried out to God to hear me.
- 2 When I was in distress, I sought the Lord;
at night I stretched out untiring hands,
and I would not be comforted.
- 3 I remembered you, God, and I groaned;
I meditated, and my spirit grew faint.
- 4 You kept my eyes from closing;
I was too troubled to speak.
- 5 I thought about the former days,
the years of long ago;
- 6 I remembered my songs in the night.
My heart meditated and my spirit asked:
- 7 "Will the Lord reject forever?
Will he never show his favor again?
- 8 Has his unfailing love vanished forever?
Has his promise failed for all time?
- 9 Has God forgotten to be merciful?
Has he in anger withheld his compassion?"
- 10 Then I thought, "To this I will appeal:
the years when the Most High stretched out his right hand.

- 11 I will remember the deeds of the Lord;
yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.
- 12 I will consider all your works
and meditate on all your mighty deeds."
- 13 Your ways, God, are holy.
What god is as great as our God?
- 14 You are the God who performs miracles;
you display your power among the peoples.
- 15 With your mighty arm you redeemed your people,
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.
- 16 The waters saw you, God,
the waters saw you and writhed;
the very depths were convulsed.
- 17 The clouds poured down water,
the heavens resounded with thunder;
your arrows flashed back and forth.
- 18 Your thunder was heard in the whirlwind,
your lightning lit up the world;
the earth trembled and quaked.
- 19 Your path led through the sea,
your way through the mighty waters,
though your footprints were not seen.
- 20 You led your people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 11:28-30

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

MEDITATION:

Rest Unto Your Soul

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER

Prayer in Song:

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.

Lord’s Prayer:

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. Amen.

Prayer in Song:

CLOSING HYMN

Abide With Me

Hymnal 700

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte

MUSIC: w. H. Monk

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.*

*I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power;
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.*

*I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.*

*Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*

BENEDICTION

One: In sleep may our body be renewed.

Many: ***In sleep may our soul be renewed.***

One: In sleep may our dreams be carriers of truth borne by the night's visiting angels.

Many: ***In sleep may we know you in love, O God,
in sleep may we be known by you,***

One: the Lover of every living soul this night,

Many: ***the Lover of our ever living soul.***

Liturgy by J. Philip Newell, Sounds of the Eternal.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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