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Worship Guide

Welcome

Rev. Ann Willet

Centering Music

A Bird, A Lovely Butterfly

Northaven Choir

Words by Florence Pedigo Jansson
& Music by Wilbur Held

Invitation to Worship:

Nuclear Mysticism Reflections

Dawn Grosser

Written by Patty Harvey

*Spinning, vibrating particles
Matter, light, and movement*

*Where do we stand if
solid ground is
NOT?*

*What if everything we see
is put together in
patterns:*

*to make sense of a
Mystery too big
to contemplate?*

*Some see religion and
science in opposition:
that the more we know
the less we'll believe*

in the unbelievable...

*Come with me into the
Heart of Mystery: where,
what is known shifts
to allow room to expand
consciousness.*

*I say, "the more we know
is also a vibrating, pulsating,
Puzzle of Possibilities,*

*Leading to awe and wonder:
HOLY GROUND."*

*Expect beauty, pain, and doubt
to dazzle and dismay.*

*Know that God is ultimately
available, illusive, and our
Only Constant.*

Opening Song

When, in Awe of God's Creation

HYFRYDOL

Words by Jane Parker Huber

***When, in awe of God's creation, we view
earth from outer space,
This mysterious, floating marble, strewn
with clouds and bathed in grace,
How can we not pause in wonder, seeing
earth as one and whole?
As we heal our proud divisions, may earth's
healing be our goal.***

***Blue and tan, with lace clouds swirling,
flung in space and circling there,
Habitat for myriad creatures meant for land
and sea and air!
Must we draw our lines of hatred, marking
nation, class, and race?
God, forgive us, we entreat you, for all pride
of self and place.***

***Living now, this is the picture we no longer
can deny,
For we see no angry boundaries when our
view is from the sky:
Rivers, deserts, forests, snowfields, oceans,
lakes, and mountains too,
But no fences built for barring you from me
or me from you.***

***Now we face the unknown future, challenged
by the work at hand.
Still the God of all creation summons us with
one command:
“Love each other!” Will we do it? “Love each
other!” Wars might cease!
“Love each other!” Justice follows, “Love
each other!” There is peace!***

Children's Lesson

Jen Hanson

Prayer

Rev. Mike House

Our Common Prayer

**Blessed One, Holy is your name. May
your love be enacted in the world.
May your will be done on earth as in
heaven. Give us today our daily bread**

and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For all that we do in your love, and all that your love brings to birth, and the fullness of love that will be, are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture

Hosea 2:16-25
Rev. Mike House

*“After that, however, I will woo her;
I will lead her into the desert,
Speaking tenderly to her heart.
There I will return her vineyards,
And change a valley of trouble into a door
of hope.
There she will sing as she did when she
was young -
As she did at the time when she came out
of Egypt.
On that day,” says YHWH,
You will call me Ishi - “My Superior.’
For I will take away the names of the
Ba’als from her lips
And she will no longer pray to those
names.
On that day will I make a covenant for
them
with the beasts of the field and with the
birds of air,
And with the creeping things that move
about the earth.*

*I will smash the bow and sword
And abolish war from the land,
So that all may sleep in safety.
I will bind myself to you in love forever-
Yes, I will swear myself to you in rightness
and justice,
In tender love and in deep compassion.
I will swear myself to you in love and
faithfulness,
And then you will truly know YHWH.
On that day, I will speak aloud," says
YHWH.
"I will speak out to the heaven
And they will speak out to the earth.
The earth will speak out to the corn and
the new wine and the oil,
And they will speak out to Jezreel.
I will plant her in the earth for myself
And I will cherish the one I called 'No
compassion';
I will say to Lo-ammi, 'You are my people,'
And they will say, 'You are my God.'"*

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

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Sharing of Our Gifts

Dawn Grosser

Offertory

Canticle of the Sun

Nick La Rocca
Marty Haugen

Affirmation of Faith

Dawn Grosser

**We believe that God creates all things,
renews all things, and is present in all
things.**

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

**We believe that God became a piece of
earth, a human being called Jesus
Christ, who lived and breathed and
spoke among us,
Who showed us how to love one
another and to care for all.**

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

Closing Song

O Earth, We Hear Your Cries of Pain
ENDLESS SONG

Words by Jann Aldredge-Clanton

*O Earth, we hear your cries of pain, your
cries of desolation;*

*We join to heal your many wounds, to bring
your restoration.*

*Polluted air and poisoned seas endanger all
the living;*

*If greedy hands use up your wealth, you
cannot keep on giving.*

*O Earth, we hear you calling us to work for
conservation,*

*To nurture life in every form, to care for all
creation.*

*By cleaning water, air, and land, we join to
work for healing;*

*Each day you bring new life to birth, your
beauty still revealing.*

*We thank you, Earth, for all your gifts that
show your grace and power,*

*Your fragrant fruit, your ripened grain, your
golden trees and flowers.*

*We join to save your lovely life, to work for
transformation,*

*To change destructive systems now, to start
a reformation.*

Benediction

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Sending Forth

Spring, from The Four Seasons

Larry McCain

Antonio Vivaldi