



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2014

A Meditation before Worship

That nature is a community
is *the* scientific discovery of the twentieth century.
That earth, human society included, is *also* a community
has not yet registered with us.

--Larry L. Rasmussen
Earth Community, Earth Ethics

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Gathering the Community

Our focus during September:
"Awakening to the Holy in our diverse world"

PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik
Organist

WELCOME

Dr. Sharon L. Mook

INTROIT

Ray Staroscik

*PRAYER TO THE FOUR DIRECTIONS

Beth Brown

One: Let us face the East *(toward the pulpit)*

**All: Great Spirit of Light, come to me out of the East
with the power of the rising sun.
Let there be light in my words,
let there be light on my path that I walk.
Let me remember always that you give the gift of a new day.
And never let me be burdened with sorrow by not starting over again.**

One: Let us face the North. *(toward the Fort Street entrance)*

**All: Great Spirit of Love, come to me with the power of the North.
Make me courageous when the cold wind falls upon me.
Give me strength and endurance for everything that is harsh,
everything that hurts, everything that makes me squint.
Let me move through life ready to take what comes from the north.**

One: Let us face the West. *(toward the sanctuary)*

**All: Great Life-Giving Spirit, I face the West, the direction of sundown.
Let me remember everyday that the moment will come
when my sun will go down.
Never let me forget that I must fade into you.
Give me a beautiful color, give me a great sky for setting,
so that when it is my time to meet you, I can come with glory.**

One: Let us face the South. *(toward the Keely Commons)*

**All: Great Spirit of Creation,
send me the warm and soothing winds from the South.
Comfort me and caress me when I am tired and cold.
Unfold me like the gentle breezes that unfold the leaves on the trees.
As you give to all the earth your warm, moving wind,
give to me, so that I may grow close to you in warmth.
We did not create the web of life, we are but a strand in it.
Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. *(attributed to Chief Seattle)***

*HYMN # 266 (PH) "Thank You, God, for Water, Soil, and Air" (vv. 3 - 4)

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Beth Brown

God of all creation and of all people, we come together today, as one family, to worship you, the One who sustains life in all. In the life of Native people, the structure of the family is vital to the entire community. The family does not end with sons, daughters, mothers, or fathers, but continues to include aunts, uncles, cousins, and -- yes -- even friends and strangers.

O God, you have blessed our people with this form of hospitality and love for thousands of years. May we together, Native and non-Native, show our world this love for one another that is unconditional, just as Christ's love for us is unconditional. May we embrace that which is different from us and love, rather than fear, those who do not mirror our own image, for this is our calling from God.

We thank you today, God, for the survival of Native peoples of this continent, and for the teachings they bring to your church. We ask that you bless us all as we search, and strive, to live life on the path of holiness.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS (in silence)

RESPONSE IN SONG # 595 (PH) "Heleluyan"

*SHARING THE PEACE

Beth Brown

The Peace of the Living Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 8: 3 - 9 Beth Brown
(p. 466 in pew Bible)
God's Word for us. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SECOND READING I Corinthians 12: 4 - 13 Beth Brown
(p. 163 in pew Bible)
God's Word for us. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM Ray Staroscik

SERMON "Grounded Spiritually by Connection" Dr. Sharon L. Mook

*HYMN # 467 (PH) "How Great Thou Art" (vv. 1 - 2)

THE RESPONSE

*COMMUNITY PRAYER OF RESPONSE Beth Brown

**Hear me, four quarters of the world--a relative I am!
Give me the strength to walk the soft earth.
Give me the eyes to see, and the strength to understand, that I may be like you.
With your power only can I face the winds.
Great Spirit, all over the earth the faces of living things are all alike.
With tenderness have these come up out of the ground.
Look upon these faces of children without number
and with children in their arms,
that they may face the winds, and walk the good road, to the day of quiet.
This is my prayer--hear me!** (Hear Me--Black Elk, Sioux Indian)

*RESPONSE IN SONG # 595 (PH) "Heleluyan"

DEDICATION OF PRAYER SHAWLS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name shall echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by the peoples of the earth!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

(from A New Zealand Book of Prayer)

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

(Loose offering will be used by the Deacons for their work.)

OFFERTORY

Ray Staroscik

*DOXOLOGY # 591 (PH)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Beth Brown

*HYMN # 267 (PH)

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Mook

(Please sit quietly enjoying the postlude as part of your worship experience.)

**As I walk, as I walk,
The universe is walking with me.
In beauty it walks before me
In beauty it walks behind me
In beauty it walks below me
In beauty it walks above me
Beauty is on every side
As I walk, I walk with Beauty.**

(Traditional Navajo Prayer)

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE # 595 (PH) "Heleluyan"

POSTLUDE

Ray Staroscik

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*You are invited to rise in body or spirit at your discretion

A NOTE ABOUT OUR HYMNALS

To clarify which hymnal we are using for a particular hymn, please note that when (PH) follows the hymn number, we are singing from *The Presbyterian Hymnal* (blue). When (GG) follows the hymn number, we are singing from *Glory to God* (new, purple hymnal). At this time, we have a limited number of new hymnals, so please share with someone sitting near you. You will receive *Glory to God* when you enter the sanctuary. Please return this hymnbook to the Narthex as you leave the sanctuary.

Liturgist	Beth Brown
Acolyte	Emeka Uduma
Sound Technician	Twiler French
Videographer	Randy Commissaris
Worship Coordinator	Craig McLean

Ushers are available to provide assistance with particular needs:

- Large Print Hymnals
- Hearing Assist System
- Wheelchair Access Ramp
- Wheelchair Seating--locations available in the sanctuary
- Handicap Restroom--using elevator to second floor

FORT STREET STAFF:

Judith Sheldon, Director of Christian Education; Ben Ogden, Director of Open Door; Edward Kingins, Music Director; LaMonica Harris, Finance Office Temp; Lola JF Davidson, Secretary; Kenneth McCoy, Building Engineer; Donna Bryant, Bob Haynes, Parking Security; Marilyn Moore, Karen Wright, Donlin Center Staff; Stacey Kershaw, Johnnie Hester, Cheryl Glidden, Open Door Staff.

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Prayers for Military loved ones.

Lt. Harrison L Coleman USN, Taylor Hansen USMC, Jonathan Heyler, SSGT Shanell Howard AFB, Sgt. Christopher King, Capt. Michael Kurtti, Lt. Theo Moran USAF, Alta Morrison, Lt. Jon Palmer USA, Lt. Marty Palmer USA, Charles Andrew Parsons II USN, USMC Captain Katy Spicer Hess, Alexander Szelestey, USMC, Lt. Mark Webster.

Prayer List for the month of September 2014

Don/Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, The Claire family, Coleman family, Dombrowski family, Bobbie Edwards, Rose Grosscup, Shannon Howard, Maria Hughley, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valerie Kimbrough, Leaming family, Lemus family, Don/Virginia Lorimer, Karen Marcil, Dan Muench, Cheryl Myers, Dorothy Myers/family, Sarah Morgan, Jerry Naragon, Derrick Parker/family, Richard Petrie, Easter Ponder, Jennie/David Poole, Richard/Suellen Sale family, Mook/Saxon family.

2014 Marathon Weekend at Fort Street Presbyterian Church



The 2014 Detroit Free Press / Talmer Bank Marathon is

Sunday October 19, 2014
Sunrise service is at 6:00 a.m.
No 11:00am Worship
(parking is minimal)

Presented by: Derek Sale, Loretta Stanton and Ben Ogden, and Pastor, Sharon L. Mook
Ad-Hoc Committee Co-Chairpersons