

# Grace United Church of Christ

June 7, 2020  
Trinity Sunday  
Online Worship

MESSAGE  
OFFERING

*A New Way*

## MORNING PRAYERS

Pastoral Prayer  
Prayers of the People  
The Lord's Prayer

SENDING HYMN Praise with Joy the World's Creator

## COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**People: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.**

Leader: In the beginning the Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters.

**People: In the beginning God said, "Let us make humankind in our image."**

Leader: And so we came into being, created by God who exists in community.

**People: We are here as God's community to worship the Source of our being.**

GATHERING HYMN Creator God, Creating Still

## INVOCATION

## ANTHEM

FIRST LESSON Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a

## A TIME FOR OUR CHILDREN

CENTERING SONG Draw the Circle Wide  
**Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song, No one stands alone,  
Standing side by side. Draw the circle wide.**

SECOND LESSON Matthew 28:16-20

## Genesis 1:1-2:4

1 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, 2 the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

6 And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” 7 So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. 8 God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

9 And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. 10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 11 Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. 12 The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14 And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was

so. 16 God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. 17 God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

20 And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” 21 So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” 23 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

24 And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. 25 God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

27 So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion

over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” <sup>29</sup> God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

**2** Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

### *Matthew 28:16-20*

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

## Creator God, Creating Still

Creator God, Creating Still, by will and word and deed.  
Create a new humanity to meet the present need.

Redeemer God, redeeming still, with overflowing grace,  
Pour out your love on us, through us, make this a holy place.

Sustainer God, sustaining still, with strength for every day,  
Empower us now to do your will. Correct us when we stray.

Great Triune God, for this new day we need your presence still.  
Create, redeem, sustain us now to do your work and will.

## Praise with Joy the World's Creator

Praise with joy the world's Creator, God of justice, love, and peace,  
Source and end of human knowledge, grace bestowing without cease.  
Celebrate the Maker's glory, power to rescue and release.

Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry, frees the captive, finds the lost,  
Heals the sick, upsets religion, fearless both of ate and cost.  
Celebrate Christ's constant presence – Friend and Stranger,  
Guest and Host.

Praise the Spirit sent among us, liberating truth from pride,  
Forging bonds where race or gender, age or nation dare divide.  
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure – foolishness none dare deride.

Praise the Maker, Christ, and Spirit, one God in Community,  
Calling Christians to embody oneness and diversity.  
Thus the world shall yet believe when shown Christ's vibrant unity.