

GIVING WITNESS

RESPONDING TO VIOLATION OF COMMUNITY & CREATION

The Village Green

Rt. 42/Blue Grass Trail, Newport, VA 24128

CELEBRATION OF CREATION

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| Gathering Music | | Pat Fullen Northside Presbyterian Church-Blacksburg |
| Welcome/Gathering Thoughts | | Rev. Morris Fleischer Newport Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church |
| Song | <i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i> | Blacksburg Occasional Brass |
| Reading from Jewish & Christian Traditions | <i>Genesis 1:1-2:3, 8a, 15</i> | Eric Hallerman Blacksburg Jewish Community |
| Song | <i>Morning Has Broken</i> | Blacksburg Occasional Brass |
| Sharing | <i>God's Good Creation</i> | Rev. Pam Philips Unitarian Universalist Congregation-Blacksburg |
| Sharing | <i>Our Cultural Heritage</i> | Doug Martin Newport-Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church |
| Communal Response | <i>Psalms 104:1-13, 24-35</i> | Rev. Donna Webster First Christian Church-Newport |

One: Bless the LORD, O my soul.

All: O LORD my God, you are very great.

One: You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.

**All: You stretch out the heavens like a tent,
you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,**

One: you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind,

All: you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

One: You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

**All: You cover it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.**

One: At your rebuke they flee;

All: at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.

One: They rose up to the mountains,
ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them.

**All: You set a boundary that they may not pass,
so that they might not again cover the earth.**

One: You make springs gush forth in the valleys;

**All: they flow between the hills, giving drink to every wild animal;
the wild asses quench their thirst.**

One: By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation;
they sing among the branches.

**All: From your lofty abode you water the mountains;
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.**

One: O LORD, how manifold are your works!

All: In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

One: Yonder is the sea, great and wide,

All: creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

One: There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

All: These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

One: when you give to them, they gather it up;

All: when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

One: When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

All: when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

One: When you send forth your spirit, they are created;

All: and you renew the face of the earth.

One: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—

**All: who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.**

One: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

All: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

One: May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

All: Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more.

One: Bless the LORD, O my soul.

All: Praise the LORD!

LAMENTATION OF LOSS

Reading from

Native-American Tradition

Earth Prayer

Ini Beckman

Christ Episcopal Church-Blacksburg

Reading from Jewish

& Christian Traditions

Lamentations 5:1-4, 15-18

Eric Hallerman

Blacksburg Jewish Community

Song from Appalachian Tradition

Wayfaring Stranger

Perry Martin

Newport-Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church

Sharing

What We Stand to Lose

Communal Response

I lament . . .

Elizabeth Struthers Malbon

We lament with you.

Christ Episcopal Church-Blacksburg

Lord have mercy.

& Preserve Montgomery County VA

Song

Dona Nobis Pacem/Give Us Peace

RECOMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

Reading

Thoughts from Wendell Berry

Jon Greene

Song from

African-American Tradition

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Listening

Silent Group Meditation

Song

This Is My Father's World

Blacksburg Occasional Brass

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| Remarks | <i>Moving Forward in Action</i> | Diana Christopulous Roanoke Appalachian Trail Club |
| | <i>Mountain Valley Watch</i> | Donna Pitt Preserve Giles County |
| Communal Response | <i>Chant to the Four Winds</i> | |
| Closing Song | <i>This Little Light of Mine</i> | Blacksburg Occasional Brass |
| Final Words/Blessing | <i>Prayer of St. Francis</i> | Rev. Morris Fleischer Newport Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church |