

Opening Prayer

L: Jesus Christ, we assemble with all your creatures in this circle of life.

P: We ask you to join our circle and celebrate with us.

L: Jesus Christ, as we join in celebration with you and all creation,

**P: We ask for your blessing, your shalom,
on the creatures present here that we love
and on all creatures celebrating in the wild.**

L: In the name of God, who creates all life,
In the name of Jesus Christ, who redeems all life,
and the name of the Spirit, who renews all life,
we cry with all in the circle of life:

P: Shalom! Shalom! Shalom!

May your blessing come!

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Hymn All This Bright and Beautiful

Joys and Concerns

Prayer Response

Genesis 1:20-28 The Message

²⁰⁻²³ God spoke: "Swarm, Ocean, with fish and all sea life!

Birds, fly through the sky over Earth!"

God created the huge whales,

all the swarm of life in the waters,

And every kind and species of flying birds.

God saw that it was good.

God blessed them: "Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Ocean!

Birds, reproduce on Earth!"

It was evening, it was morning—

Day Five.

²⁴⁻²⁵ God spoke: "Earth, generate life! Every sort and kind:
cattle and reptiles and wild animals—all kinds."

And there it was:

wild animals of every kind,

Cattle of all kinds, every sort of reptile and bug.
God saw that it was good.

²⁶⁻²⁸ God spoke: "Let us make human beings in our image, make them
reflecting our nature
So they can be responsible for the fish in the sea,
the birds in the air, the cattle,
And, yes, Earth itself,
and every animal that moves on the face of Earth."
God created human beings;
he created them godlike,
Reflecting God's nature.
He created them male and female.
God blessed them:
"Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge!
Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air,
for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth."

²⁹⁻³⁰ Then God said, "I've given you
every sort of seed-bearing plant on Earth
And every kind of fruit-bearing tree,
given them to you for food.
To all animals and all birds,
everything that moves and breathes,
I give whatever grows out of the ground for food."
And there it was.

³¹ God looked over everything he had made;
it was so good, so very good!

Our Guest Preacher Kirby Tulley

Blessing: [Pet's name], may the power of this blessing from Christ fill you with life, bind you to your human partners, and lead you to praise your Creator. Amen.

Closing Hymn Mother Earth, Birthing Mother

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