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Sunday, September 4, 2016, 10:00am
Theme: Ocean Sunday

✠ indicates stand as you are able
Bold indicates participation by the people

MV = More Voices
VU = Voices United

We Gather With

PRELUDE: *Kari Orosz – Away from the Roll of the Sea*
– by *Allister MacGillivray*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY 7 LAND – (**Leader**)

WELCOME

SPIRIT LINES (Announcements)

✠GREETING ONE ANOTHER (Please feel free to move around)

INTROIT: *Come In, Come In and Sit Down (R1R- Projected)* **VU#395**

CHRIST CANDLE & SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP: (*Responsive, Projected*)

From the beginning of time, and out of the depths, voices are calling us today;

God calls us to notice, to hear, and to respond.

The one who created the oceans and mountains, the streams and the stars, invites us to worship in wonder and in praise.

Oceans and mountains, streams and stars themselves also call to us – they call us to worship in the knowledge of our Creator, and with the awareness of how Creation struggles today.

Come, in our worship, let us listen both to the Creator, and to Creation's call;

let us open our minds, hearts, and spirits to the yearnings of Creation, and recognize our own yearnings in these voices. For we are one. In great wisdom we have been created in deep communion with each other.

Come. In our worship, let us hear the voice of God calling, and the voices of creation seeking communion with us,
and let us worship in humble thanksgiving for all of creation today.

OPENING PRAYER: (*Unison, Projected*)

Loving Creator, like holding shells to our ears while standing at the seaside, we listen for you today.

We long to hear the rhythm of your wisdom, to feel the wind of your refreshing grace, to see the glistening glory of your powerful light of love, and to smell the strength of your deep presence.

Be with us as we worship.

Help us to discover new depths of understanding as we approach this Ocean Sunday.

Inspire us to dive deeply into your mystery.

And help us to recognize our commitments to stewardship and care, as we venture into your wild and wonderful gifts.

Like glimpsing the spout of a whale on the ocean's horizon, help us to glimpse and be confident of your presence with us as we worship.
Amen.

†HYMN: *God of the Sparrow* (*Projected*)

VU#229

Open Minds

SCRIPTURE: *Job 38:1-18* (*NRSV*)

Scripture Reader:

Affirmation:

One: This is the witness of The Church,

Many: **thanks be to God!**

THE MESSAGE: "*Proud to be Affirming*"

Open Hands

†HYMN: *O Beautiful Gaia (Projected)*

MV#41

MINUTE FOR MISSION: *“A Fertile Ground for Learning”*

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS

with our Tithes, Offerings, & Prayers.

(Please print clearly and place your Prayer Slips in the Prayer Baskets.)

†OFFERTORY: *As Those of Old Their First-fruits Brought (Projected)*

VU#518

†OFFERTORY PRAYER: *(Unison, Projected)*

We dedicate ourselves anew, loving God, to the privilege of caring for creation. As we bring our gifts of money and time to our worship life, help us also to bring new understanding of Creation’s pain to our everyday lives. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (Projected)*

VU#400

PASTORAL PRAYERS & PRAYER OF JESUS *(Unison, Projected)*

Open Hearts to Each Other and the World

†COMMISSIONING and BENEDECTION: *(Unison, Projected)*

Bless us as we leave this place, that we might take the depths of the seas and the power of the churning oceans into our day-to-day realities with more compassion and concern. In all we do, help us to affirm that it was, and is, you who have created all life, and that we are called today to try again to be good stewards of it all.

†HYMN: *Called by Earth and Sky (Projected)*

MV#135

POSTLUDE

Participating in worship leadership today: Rev. Tracy Robertson, Kari Orosz, Hal Tonkin, John Robertson, Nancy Rehder, Sherrill Knight, Hope Cochran.