Liturgical Pieces for Sunday, July 21, 2014

Call to Worship: (responsive reading) led by Lecternist

Leader: In the name of God, the Creator, the fountain of life,

In the name of Jesus, the pulse of life,

In the name of the Spirit, the breath of life. Amen

**People**: **Holy! Holy! Holy!**

**The earth is filled with God’s presence.**

L: O God, we come into your presence today

to worship and reflect upon this sanctuary called Earth,

**P: a planet filled with your presence,**

**quivering in the forests,**

**sweeping over the land,**

**flowing through the wilderness,**

**shimmering in the waters.**

**pulsating in our cities.**

L: O God, reveal yourself to us in this place

And show us your face in all creation.

**P: Holy! Holy! Holy!**

**The Earth is filled with God’s presence.**

Call to Confession: led by Lecternist

Friends of God: as we gather today, let us remember and confess that

we often forget God’s earth is gift to us and instead have viewed this

planet as ours to use as we please, as a source of endless resources, as a

stopping place en route to heaven; and we have forgotten God’s call to care

graciously and energetically for it.

**Prayer of Confession:**

**Creator God, we stand here today exposed and vulnerable. Forgive**

**us for having neglected your call to care for the Earth. Forgive us when**

**we have polluted the waters, abused the land, fouled the air, contributed**

**to arctic ice melt. Forgive us for forgetting our need for a healthy planet**

**both today and for generations to come. Forgive us, Creator God.**

Assurance of Forgiveness: God forgives us when we forget that we are one with

all creation, when we do not love one another and the

Earth, as we are called to do. Now, may God strengthen

us to commit to the pathway of responsible change for

the sake of humanity and our earthly home. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading Psalm 8 read by Lecternist

(please read Psalm 8 from the NRSV version)

2nd Scripture Reading Romans 8:12-25 Roy Nilsen

Sermon What Did You Do Once You Knew? Roy Nilsen