

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.

1 <sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading	Psalm 8	read by Lecternist
	(please read Psalm 8 from the NRSV version)	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading	Romans 8:12-25	Roy Nilsen
Sermon	What Did You Do Once You Knew?	Roy Nilsen