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**Worship**

November 26, 2023  
Monteith Hall

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# WELCOME

## We're glad you're here!

Welcome to 11:15 Worship! This is the last service of the fall trial period for this worship service. During Advent, you are invited to worship at 9:30 Worship in the sanctuary or 8:30 Contemplative Communion here in Monteith Hall. On January 7th, we will return to this space at 11:15 for the continuation of this service through the end of the program year.

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# WORSHIP

REIGN of CHRIST

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*\* When this symbol precedes an element of the service,  
please rise in body or spirit.*

## GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

WELCOME & CENTERING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Side A: God made the wild animals according to their kinds,

Side B: And God saw that it was good.

Side A: Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, in our likeness,

Side B: So God created humankind in God's own image,

Side A: God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful"

Side B: God saw all that God had made, and it was very good.

Side A: By the seventh day God had finished the work God had been doing;

Side B: So on the seventh day God rested from all of the work.

Side A: Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it even God rested

Side B: Come! For this is our Day of Rest!

**All: Come! Let us worship the creator who also rested!**

\*OPENING HYMN 15 "All Creatures of Our God and King"  
(stanzas 1-4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

written by  
Rev. Beth Merrill Neel

**O God, our God, Creator of the stars of night, Forgive us when we forget that darkness and light go hand-in-hand; That the suffering of another is our suffering, That the joy we know is not to be hoarded**

**but shared. That just as light warms and energizes us, So darkness calms us and gives us rest. That there are those who still live in shadows of fear and grief that we are called to be with them in the dark, and to bring light. We thank you for day and night, for darkness and light, for the strife and the joy, and for making us whole. Amen.**

Silence is kept.

#### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PASSING OF THE PEACE As you pass the peace, you are invited to share an answer to the question: What is your favorite restful activity?

\*RESPONSE 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

#### PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION "Spirit of the Living God"  
(sung, Hymn 288)

POETRY READING "Winter Hibernation" by Paula D. Jones

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 20:8-11

SERMON "Creation as a Model of Rest"

#### RESPONSE

##### RESPONSE ACTIVITY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

#### SENDING

CLOSING HYMN 183 "Come to Me, O Weary Traveler"

\*BENEDICTION ...We go out in peace,  
**To love, to serve, to imagine.**

#### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

