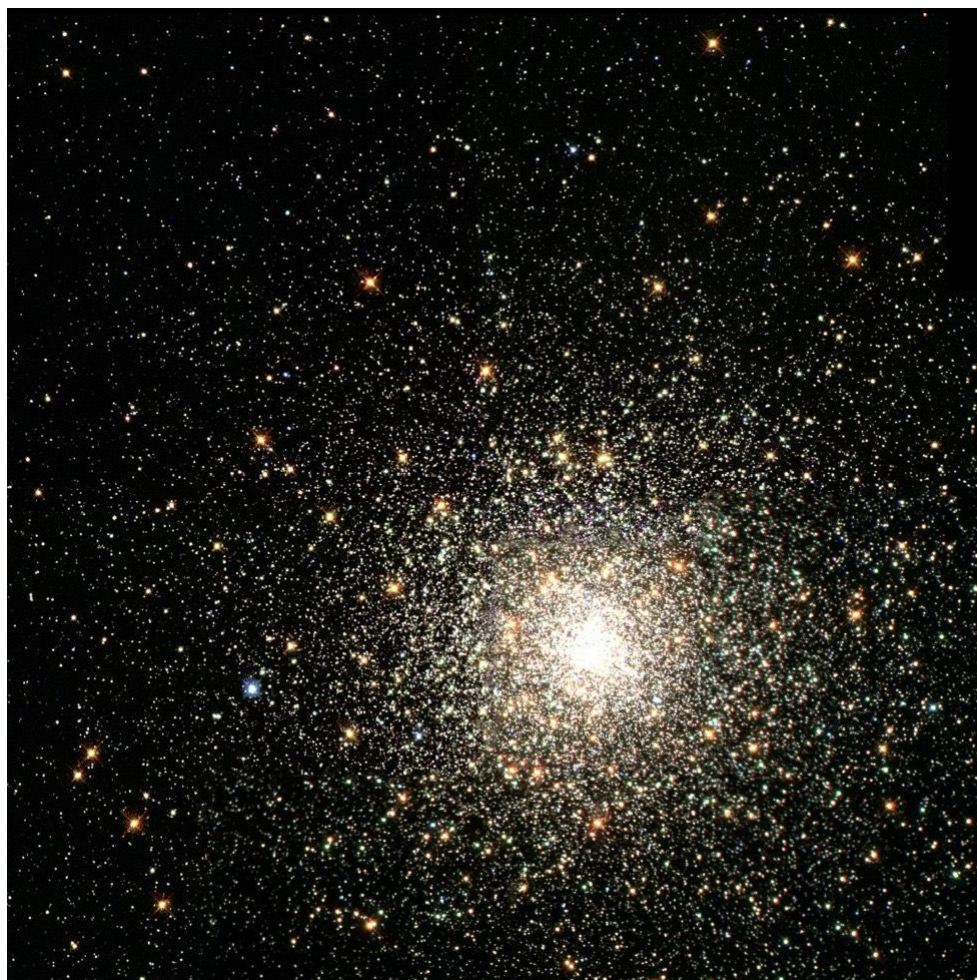


Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church, USA



SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

Sacred Creator

Draw us into your story of illumination and abundant good.

Fill us, inspire us with your transforming Spirit

So that we may imagine alongside you,

Our holy God of justice and love.

Amen.

5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 9, 2023

10:30 a.m.

PREPARATORY MUSIC

To the Hills I Lift My Eyes

- Song Lee

THE PRESENTATION OF SCRIPTURE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Many: O LORD our God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty,

One: Wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent;

Many: You set the beams of your chambers on the waters; You make the clouds your chariot; You ride on the wings of the wind

One: You make the winds your messengers, Fire and flame your ministers

Many: You set the earth on its foundations, So that it shall never be shaken.

HYMN 22

God of the Sparrow

(Congregation may stand)

- Carl F. Schalk

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, you have blessed us with marvels and wonder, with creativity and possibility. And yet, we are tempted by narratives that reduce dazzling complexity into shallow simplicity. We prefer to see those we disagree with as one-dimensional villains instead of worlds unto themselves. It is easy to feel anger instead of compassion; alienation instead of awkward empathy; righteous indignation instead of soft-hearted openness. Forgive us when our desire to be right closes us off to your spirit of possibility. Forgive us when our zeal for justice creates false dynamics of "us" versus "them". Forgive us when our fear for the future leads us to dwell in scarcity instead of trusting in your abundance and steadfast lovingkindness. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE NO. 658

God is So Good

(Congregation may stand)

- Anonymous

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WELCOME, FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS, LIVE-STREAM CHECK-IN, AND JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(We invite you to sign in on our red Friendship Registers found at the end of each row.)

HYMN NO. 24

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

(Congregation may stand)

- attr. William Moore;

harm. Charles Anders

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 8:22-31

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:1-5

RESPONSE

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Creating the Sacred”

- Jenn Kubit McCullough

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Beautiful Things

- Gungor

RESPONSE 608

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

(Congregation may stand)

-Hal Hopson

DEDICATION OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS, ELECTRONIC AND ONLINE GIVING

HYMN NO. 37

Let All Things Now Living

(Congregation may stand)

- arr. Jane Marshall

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

Beautiful Things

- Gungor

ANNOUNCEMENTS



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - STARTS TOMORROW- JULY 10TH!! – July 10-14th, 6-8 pm. Our theme this year for PreK – Rising 5th Graders is **ChangeMakers Lab**. Children are invited to discover and share creative ways to make a difference in the world through words and actions. [Register here.](#)

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL Every Sunday now through September 3rd, for Pre-K through rising 5th Graders during the 10:30 am worship service only. Childcare available during both 9 and 10:30 am services.

ARK AND DOVE BOOK CLUB AUGUST PICK Join the Ark and Dove Book Club for a discussion of Barbara Kingsolver's "Demon Copperhead" on Zoom on Friday, August 18th at 7:30pm. Email Kim Champagne for the zoom link (kim.champagne@arkanddove.org)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING -TODAY- SUNDAY, JULY 9TH The Session of Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church has called a Congregational Meeting for all members, for Sunday **July 9 at 11:45 AM**. We will hear a report from the Associate Pastor Nominating Team, in which they will nominate Jennifer Kubit McCullough to be the Associate Pastor of Ark and Dove. If you are unable to attend in person, please RSVP for links at: ArkandDove.org/VotingSignUp. See Jennifer's bio in the recent Arkive.

Welcome! We hope you enjoyed worshipping with us and that you will come again. In person worship is at 9:00 and 10:30 AM. Our 10:30 service is also livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook. Would you like a pastor to contact you? Would you like to learn more about Ark and Dove? Please send a note to admin@arkanddove.org.

Sunday Mornings for Children and Youth

9:00 AM

Childcare

10:30 AM

Childcare

After the Children's Sermon: Summer Sunday School Pre-K through grade 5

*early middle schoolers welcome to attend

*We are a Matthew 25 church, a More Light church, and Earth Care Congregation
See the Arkive E-newsletter for more information.*

Ministry Leaders

Liturgist – Besty Baer (10:30)

Usher – Lou Kareha (10:30)

Beadle – Ava Ortiz

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