

**Order of Worship**  
**Dreaming Together (in the Circle of Blessing)/Season of Stewardship**  
**14 November 2021**

**Prelude:**

Laura Murach

**Welcome:**

Deacon

**Opening Prayer:**

**God of all creation--earth, sky and sea--teach us the way of humility, of "humus," of earth, soil, and growing things, root us in this very place, nourish us with your boundless love, which meet us in this and every moment. God of every perfect gift, we thank you for your Son Jesus who emptied himself for our sake. Teach us the way of open hands and open hearts. Teach us the way of peace. Amen.**

**Response:**

Deacon

*(Deacons collect prayer cards)*

**Halle, halle, hallelujah**  
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**Children's message:**

Sarah Pradhan

**Hymn**

"Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise"

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**Scripture:**

Deacon

As we hear the words of scripture,  
**Let us listen in the words for the Word of God.**

**Psalm 146**

Pew Bible, p. 545

<sup>1</sup>Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

<sup>3</sup>Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup>When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

<sup>5</sup>Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

<sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

<sup>8</sup>the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

<sup>9</sup>The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

<sup>10</sup>The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

**Philippians 2:1-13**

Pew Bible, p. 1023

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, 2 make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from

selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. 5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
6 who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
7 but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
8 he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.  
9 Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
10 so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
11 and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
12 Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence,  
but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and  
trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work  
for his good pleasure.

The grass withers and the flower fades,  
**But the Word of God shall stand forever.**

**Message**

“Trying”

Rev. Gay Godfrey

**Bell Choir:**

“Amazing Grace”

**Prayers of the People**

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayers.**

**Disciple’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, now and forever. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:**

“Leaning On the Everlasting Arms”

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**Charge and Blessing**

**Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;  
Be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;  
Render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;  
Support the weak; help the afflicted;**

**Honor all people; love and serve God;  
Rejoicing through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen**

**Parting Song:**

**As we go now from this moment,  
as we leave behind our time together.  
May we walk with one another,  
may we help each other on the way.**

**As we go now from this moment,  
as we go into the future together.  
May we treasure one another,  
may we realize how precious we are.  
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May we realize how precious we are.**

**Postlude**