



Galena United Methodist Church

October 10, 2021 10:30 am

Sacred Earth: Sacred Work Week 6 "Healing Relationships"

*A Worship Design Studio series adaptation in collaboration with
the Creation Spirituality Communities Working Group*

Liturgist: Julie Eggleston

Greeter: Lonna McDermott

*Please stand as possible, body &/or Spirit

We Gather in the Spirit

First Path: Gratitude

The first path invites us to celebrate! The pulse of creation is singing the goodness of God and God's gift of goodness in all things. We become more aware of the beauty of all that is and tap into gratitude as our first task in creating more goodness in the world.

Prelude

Love Divine, All Love's Excelling

UMH#384

Words: Charles Wesley/ Music: John Zundel, Public Domain

Cody Clayton, pianist

Gathering

Morning Has Broken UMH #145 [tps://www.strathdeemusic.com/SingalongVideos.html](https://www.strathdeemusic.com/SingalongVideos.html)

Words: Eleanor Fareon, 1931/Music Trad. Gaelic melody; harm by Carlton Young, 1988 ©The UM Publishing

Welcome Pastor Catiana

Threshold Moment

Gathered Here

Words/Music: Phil Porter with permission

Gathered here in the mystery of this hour

Gathered here in one strong body

Gathered here in the struggle and the power

Spirit draw near

All through this series we have mentioned all directions, symbolizing that our attention to God requires us to look all around us. On this last Sunday of our series, we again give thanks for the sacred in all things—

One: Let us now celebrate and deepen our bond with God as Creator.

Two: We are awed by the sacred wisdom of the unfolding universe. It surrounds us with beauty, growth, and revelation. It has brought us, artfully, to this moment in time.

All: We have come to give thanks and praise.

One: Let us now celebrate and deepen our bond with God as Spirit.

Two: We are inspired by the waves of encouragement and whispers of possibilities the Spirit has given throughout time. It stirs our souls and moves us towards deeper connection to life.

All: We have come to be moved once again.

Spirit draw near

One: Let us now celebrate and deepen our bond with God as Christ.

Two: We are heartened by the healing essence of Christ throughout creation. It has restored us from brokenness. It has brought reconciliation where we thought none was possible. It has restored relationship where we thought all was lost.

All: We have come to be transformed.

One: Let us now celebrate and deepen our bond with God as community.

Two: We are lifted up in the presence of our siblings. We take joy in a spiritual integrity we cannot create on our own. We have come to share the sacred love that surrounds us, the love that created us;
All: ... the love that holds us together as one sacred family through the vast and eternal love of the Cosmic Christ.

***Gathered here in the mystery of this hour
Gathered here in one strong body
Gathered here in the struggle and the power
Spirit draw near***

And all God's people said, "**Amen!**"

Praising

"For the Healing of the Nations" UMH 428, Words: Fred Kaan/Music: John Hughes
Words: 1968 Hope Publishing Co.

**For the healing of the nations, Lord we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word,
help us rise and pledge our word.**

**Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase,
fear will die and hope increase.**

**All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;
Pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span,
may we hallow life's brief span.**

**You, Creator, God, have written your great name on humankind;
For our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,
That by our response and service earth its destiny may find,
earth its destiny may find.**

Synopsis

We live in sacred relationship with every other living thing.
Our food, our health, our homes, our vocations are all part of an interconnected community.
Creation hangs in the balance when we forget this connection.
We acknowledge that our species and the entire earth community depends upon the healing of harm
already done, moving toward sustainability for the future,
and harmony that offers live-giving coexistence for all.
Can we embrace our responsibility to care? Now is the time, if we want a future.

Praying

Connecting God, You who has woven us together with all of creation,
open our eyes to see that we cannot survive in isolation
so that we might be motivated to turn toward the other,
and work for the wholeness of all life.
We praise you as the healer of all hurt, the repairer of all brokenness.
And all God's people say, **Amen.**

*Passing the Peace of the Risen Christ

Leader: May the peace of the risen Christ be with you. All: And also with you

We Hear God's Word

2nd Path: Exclaiming the Divine Creative

Listening

This second path creates space to explore how God is working in and through us and all of the universe to renew each day every direction. Each moment offers opportunity to express our God-gifted creativity.

We hear messages—ancient and new—that express and affirm the Divine at work and encourage us in our creative collaboration with the Divine.

Preparing to Listen

Cosmic Hymn of Praise (vs. 1 & 2) Michael Mangan

Cosmic Hymn Of Praise · Michael Mangan Setting Hearts On Fire © 2001 World Library Publications

1. Sun and moon, praise God. Shin-ing stars, praise God.
2. All the earth, praise God. Deep-est o-ceans praise God.
High-est heav-ens, praise God. Let all cre-a-tion sing.
Wind and fire, praise God. Let all cre-a-tion sing.
Al-le-lu-ia! Lift your voice-es! Join cre-a-tion's cos-mic hymn of praise.

Bringing Words to Life

1 John 4: 7-21 Common English Bible (CEB)

(Reader: Please read the words in bold as they come along:)

Dear friends, let's love each other, because love is from God, and everyone who loves is born from God and **knows God**. The person who doesn't love does not know God, because **God is love**.

This is how the love of God is revealed to us: God has sent God's only Son into the world so that **we can live through him**...

Dear friends, if God loved us this way, we also ought to **love each other**. No one has ever seen God. If we love each other, God remains in us and God's love is made perfect in us. This is how we know **we remain in God, and God remains in us**, because God has given us a measure of the Spirit.

We have seen and testify that God has sent the Son to be the savior of the world.

If any of us confess that Jesus is God's Son, **God remains in us, and we remain in God**.

We have known and have **believed the love that God has for us**.

God is love, and those who remain in love **remain in God, and God remains in them**.

This is how love has been perfected in us, so that we can have confidence... because we are exactly the same as God is in this world. There is no fear in love, **but perfect love drives out fear**, because fear expects punishment. The person who is afraid has not been made perfect in love.

We love because **God first loved us**. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates a sibling, they are a liar, because the person who doesn't love a sibling who can be seen can't love God, who can't be seen. This commandment we have from him:

Those who claim to love God ought to love their siblings also.

This is a Word of God.
All creation is a word of God.

Thanks be to God.
All creation speaks volumes of God.

We Respond in Faith

Invitation for Prayer

*We recognize with open hearts the pain that coexists with goodness and gratitude.
We listen to the groans of the world and the Spirit helps us to grieve and to intercede on behalf
of all those who suffer, letting go of our fear that can make things worse at times.
As we prepare for our prayers, breath out that which fills your heart,
making room for God to hold all that you release.*

As the music begins, you are invited to share your prayer request by leaving your prayer on the prayer card
in your pew or through an email, call, or text to Pastor Catiana.
Prayers will be added to our prayer requests unless you indicate otherwise.

Prayer Song *Let Our Earth Be Peaceful* #3159 W & S Vs. 1 & 2 Shirley E. Murrallton Young
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1. Let our earth be peace - ful, let our hearts be
2. Let our ways be mind - ful, mend - ing what is
3. Let our lives be fruit - ful, beau - ti - ful and

hope - ful, let our hands be gen - tle
hurt - ful, do - ing what is need - ful
glav - ful, ev - ery day be thank - ful

for the love of God.
for the love of God.
for the love of God.

Prayers of the People

Prayer is at the very heart of the ecumenical movement. Jesus prayed that we – his followers – may all be one. When we pray with and for one another, we can feel God’s gift of unity. Prayer sustains us on our way towards a unity that all can see, “so that the world may believe”. (John 17:21)

This week from the World Council of churches prayer cycle, we lift Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Panama. Let us center our prayers on our world...Our country..... Our community..... you’re prayers are in your bulletin. Turn to our prayer page.....

God of abundance, in your goodness you provide for all our needs. We thank you for your presence.
Help us to rise above selfishness and greed and give us the courage to be agents of justice in the world.
God of love, you created us in your image and have redeemed us in Christ.
Empower us to love our neighbor and to welcome the stranger.
...God of healing grace, we lift to your care members of our communities.

For all the sick (*especially those on our prayer lists in our congregations, and those we say out loud or in our hearts at this time*).*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

One: God, One in Three Persons, in Christ you have made us one with you and with one another. We thank you for your presence now and by the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit, free us from the self-centredness, arrogance and fear that prevent us from striving towards the full visible unity of your Church. We join our hearts in prayer for the world, and for ourselves. AMEN

Prayer of Jesus: *Our God has many names. You are invited to address God in your native language or in the form closest to your heart as we join in the prayer of Jesus:*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen. FROM THE RITUAL OF THE FORMER METHODIST CHURCH

Sung: **3. Let our lives be fruitful, beautiful and playful,
Everyday be thankful for the love of God.**

Offering our Gifts

Every generous act of giving, as with every perfect gift, is from above. May God's word of truth, implanted within us at birth, bloom in acts of loving faithfulness. May that word shape our lives so that we become doers of the word, using God's gifts for all.

There is a wooden box at the back of the sanctuary provided for your giving or you may donate by mail or electronic giving through your bank. Together, we spread the gospel of peace and encourage cooperation locally, in the United States and globally.

"Change for the Better"

Rev. Patricia Allen-Stewart

UMCOR DISASTER RESPONSE

Give to UMCOR – Where Most Needed

Compelled by Christ...As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Committee on Relief assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need.

United States Disaster Response and International Disaster Response

(if added to your tithe check, please indicate amount of donation to ministry on MEMO)

Ministry Moment: Midwest Mission Distribution Center Project

Collecting for Cleaning Kit (formally known as Flood Bucket)

<https://umcmmission.org/umcor-cleaning-kit/>

***Singing our Thanksgiving** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #94 Words: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. By Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978/Music: Geistlich Kirchengesangen, 1823; harm. By Vaughn Williams

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Ever Creating God, we pause to bring ourselves and our resources to contribute to your work. Accept our offerings of time and skill, listening and speaking. May they help spread your care and attention we pray. Amen.

We Go Forth in God's Spirit

4th Path: Embodying Compassion and Power

We pray for movement within our own hearts to embody peace and passion—compassion and power—on behalf of spreading goodness throughout the week. We not at the mercy of “the way it is,” but can claim our agency to be fully present and fully active in the world into which we now go.

Getting Strong

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yeah they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yeah, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yeah, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one;
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yeah they'll know we are Christians by our love

***Blessing & Sending Forth**

God sends us into the world, to accept the costs and to discover the joy of discipleship.

Therefore, go – carry with you the peace of Christ, the love of God,
and the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, in trial and rejoicing. Amen.

Benediction Song

“You Shall Go Out with Joy”

You shall go out with joy
And be led forth with peace.
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy
And the trees of the fields
will clap, will clap their hands.

And the trees of the fields will clap their hands,

**the trees of the fields will clap their hands,
the trees of the fields will clap their hands,
While you go out with joy.**

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**After the service, please join us downstairs & in the Memorial Garden.
Begin signing up for coffee Hour – sheet in the hallway. Can be taken outdoors.**

DATE	LITURGIST	GREETERS	COFFEE HOST
October 10	Julie Eggleston	Lonna McDermott	
October 17	B'Ann Dittmar	The Dittmar Family	
October 24	Sherry Marc	David & Annie Silaggi	

SUNSHINE BOX: Items are replenished as needed by the youth and their families.
Here are some ideas you may collect for the Sunshine Box: *mouthwash, dental floss, razors, shaving cream, tooth paste, body wash, feminine products, baby wipes, body lotion face wash, granola bars, crackers, juice boxes, canned fruit, Clorox wipes, kitchen sponges, dish detergent, garbage bags, ziplock bags, glass cleaner.*

RETURNED TO INDOOR MASKING

**UMCOR Cleaning Kit (former FLOOD BUCKET) being collected
For Midwest Mission Distribution Center
Accepting Items or funds for purchase.**

OCTOBER

- 7 Linda Schafer
- 8 Dennis Irwin
- 9 Stephanie Hoppe
- 10 Janet Eggleston
- 15 Lonna McDermott
- 16 Vanessa Fair
- 18 Martha Vincent Dinschel
- 20 Finn Stadel



Give to UMCOR – Where Most Needed United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) UMCOR DISASTER RESPONSE

OUR WORK: UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters – be it famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire or other events—to alleviate suffering and to be a source of help and hope for those left most vulnerable. We provide relief, response and long-term recovery grants when these events overwhelm a community’s ability to recover on their own. UMCOR also provides technical support and training for partners to address emerging and ongoing issues related to disaster relief, recovery, and long-term health and development.

Place UMCOR Disaster Response on your check

“Change for the Better”

for October, November and December.

The Galena UMC Mission Team has selected the UMCOR disaster relief fund the new quarter’s “Change for the Better”.

In addition to Disaster Relief, we are also taking on the fun project of cleaning kits formerly known as flood bucket kits.



Over the next few weeks we will be accepting supplies to fill flood buckets to take to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Pawnee Illinois where they will send them where the need presents itself.

On the table in the Narthex (entry), we have some of the items needed and the list of supplies are available to take home to see if there’s something you can help with. Pray about where you may be of help, whether it be just one item, or a complete flood bucket. Monetary donations will be accepted to purchase supplies.

You can also go onto midwestmission.org to review the cleaning kit.

For the last month, we’ve been sharing stories about the Disaster Response where You can donate to UMCOR – Disaster Response where your donation will be used where it’s Most Needed.

Please remember all donations given through The UMCOR Advance, 100% of your donation reaches your chosen mission project or ministry.

If giving by check, please place UMCOR Disaster Response on the memo line or if you want to give towards the flood bucket project please add Flood Bucket in the memo line.

PRAYERS: Joys & Concerns

Prayers for peace and reconciliation within our country and within our world; prayers for the people of Afghanistan; prayers for an awareness of the senseless violence and gun obsession in our country and prayers that we take action through common sense gun legislation and open hearts. Prayers for healing from the sins of racism. May our awareness turn into healing action. Please hold our people in prayer as COVID continues to shift in variance and strength. May we realize that vaccinations are critical for the health and well being of all and what we do or don't do effects the health of others. Prayers of thanks for the vaccine and for those who continue to encourage others to be vaccinated.

Wayne Turner passed away Friday, Oct. 1, 2021, at his home. The funeral service will be 11 a.m., Monday, Oct. 11 at the Furlong Funeral Chapel, Galena. Friends may call from 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 10 at the Furlong Funeral Chapel. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Galena, where military honors will be accorded graveside by Galena VFW Post 2665 and American Legion Post 193. Online condolences may be left for the family at furlongfuneralchapel.com. Continue to pray for Mary Turner and her health issues and the Turner family; Beverly DeBords brother, Donald Renner, died and his visitation was Sunday, Sept. 26, at the Furlong Funeral Chapel. Bev's address is 112 N. West St., Galena. Please remember the DeBord Renner family at this time; Prayers for Julie's grandson, Jonah and Brooke and her great grandchildren, Jude and Lizbeth:

Pam McKinsey's mother, Ruth Eileen Henrichs, passed away last week. Please keep Pam and her family in your prayers, and prayers for Pam's sister, Melanie; Annie Silaggi's mother, Alice Wyss from Monroe Wisconsin passed away recently. "Prayers are greatly appreciated." Annie.

After having testing done, Ginny Carroll has been diagnosed with Acute Leukemia. She is traveling to see a doctor in Madison and will be doing whatever procedures he recommends. Please keep this family in your prayers. Their address is 1399 S. Irish Hollow Rd., Galena; continue your prayers for Carolyn and Tom Grey. Carolyn, who has been in rehab since suffering a stroke in August, fell this week during rehab and broke her hip. She had surgery but she is experiencing a lot of pain and discomfort with a variety of issues. Current address: Carolyn Grey 230W. 28th Ave. Spokane, WA 99203. Prayers for Roberta Turner's great grandson, new-born, Khyson Turner; prayers for Judy Biegon's cousin's immediate & extended families (Mary's husband, Dean). Cousin's Karen and Mary both passed away recently. Hold Judy's niece, Wendy in prayer for depression. Prayers for Judy's cousins Dean. Dave's sister, Judy Lopez, with extreme pain from osteoporosis and is awaiting surgery and prayers for the Biegon's friend, Nancy Harrington for cataract surgery.

Hold Charlene Price in prayer for healing (compression-fracture) following a fall; Marlene Niec is recovering from a fall; continue prayers for Meg Gibbs, recovering well from foot surgery; prayers for Elisa Skeeter, her family and neighbors; hold Lonna and her daughter, Joni in prayer for health concerns; Betty Kabara's health; Daniel Saben, continued prayers as he awaits surgery; Cheryl and Jim White; Please hold Sarah and Carter in prayer as Sarah continues her process of healing; Pray for Sarah's brother, Bill, who has cancer. Prayers for the Brotheridge family as Michelle has passed away; Larry Cook and his family; Curtis Cook, Larry's grandson; Lisa and Terry Prindle; Janette Bader and family (6481 N. Bowden Road, Scales Mound); and "Owen is doing well. Thank you for your prayers" Carmen.

Prayers for Zambia's hunger-missionary, Betty Tsala and sons, Lanie and Shaun. Continued prayers for all detained/separated children, Immigrants; victims of gun violence & all experiencing PTSD; all responders to tragedies in our country & around the world; prayers for the people of the United Methodist Church as we find a new expression of more fully living into the grace-filled ministry of our faith; and prayers for our United Methodist Church and its ministries. Prayers for peaceful solutions to world issues that are too often addressed with violence. May the peace of Christ prevail. Prayers for the world and its leaders facing difficult decisions every day. May decisions be made with wisdom and care for the benefit of all.

**Join us for 10:30 am Sunday Worship in our church
OR livestream the service on our website**

by clicking on the "Worship with Us" tab, on our Youtube
at Galena UMC, and on our Facebook page at Galena UMC.



Please notice our re-shaped Core Values, Vision, and Mission.

Galena United Methodist Church
Core Values: Do no harm. Do Good. Love God.

Our Vision: We open hearts. We open minds. We open doors. We make disciples.

**Our Mission: We will honor our long history by nurturing
and expanding a community of disciples who love God and neighbor,
fulfilling the gospel of peace, justice, mercy, and servant ministry.**

Affiliated with the Reconciling Ministries Network

"We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed."



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