**Galena United Methodist Church**

**September 27, 2021**

**2021 Church Conference**

**Sacred Earth: Sacred Work 10:30 am**

**Week 4. “Sacred Creative Vocation”**

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

Liturgist: Lynn Sisler Greeters: Judy & Dave Biegon Piano/Organ: Cody Clayton

 \*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.*

**Gathering** *Morning Has Broken* UMH #145 tps://www.strathdeemusic.com/SingalongVideos.html Words: Eleanor Fareon, 1931/Music Trad. Gaelic melody; harm by Carlton Young, 1988 ©The UM Publishing

**Welcoming and Sharing Opportunities for Ministry** Pastor Catiana

God is good! **All the time!**

And all the time! **God is good!**

**\* Threshold Moment** *For the next hour, leave behind the rhythms of your daily life*

 *and cross over into a sense of the holy…We call this a THRESHOLD MOMENT or Call to Worship….*

***Gathered Here*** By Phil Porter

***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***

As people who worship an incarnate God, we recognize we, too, are spirit in flesh.

We give thanks for the beauty of creation and our place in it.

*Sung:* ***Spirit draw near***

Remembering God’s creation of the Eastern skies,

we give thanks for the continual dawning of each new day.

***All:* We give thanks new beginnings made possible by our Creator.**

We give thanks for the Southern light of day.

The sun makes life possible on earth.

***All:* We give thanks for the gifts God has given to us.**

**May we share them with energy, care, and passion.**

*Sung:* ***Spirit draw near***

**The Western** skies prepare for the place of the setting sun.

***All:* We give thanks for patterns letting go.**

*Considering the* ***Northern skies****, w*e give thanks for the nighttime

with its beauty of stars and moon.

***All:* May we find our times of rest and ease.**

Let us now focus on the Christ light in the center of our hearts and minds

*Sung:* ***Spirit draw near***

As we seek to discover the core of our own call from God,

***All:* Teach us to live as spirit in flesh like Jesus.**

***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** *“Here I Am, Lord”* UMH 593 Cody Clayton, pianist

by Daniel L. Schutte © 1981, OCP Publications

1. **I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save
I who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

**2. I, the Lord of rain and snow**

**I have borne my people’s pain**

**I have wept for love of them**

**They turn away.**

**I will break their hearts of stone,**

**Give them hearts for love alone**

**I have wept for love of them.**

**They turn away.**

**Refrain:Here I am, Lord
 Is it I, Lord?
 I have heard You calling in the night
 I will go, Lord
 If You lead me
 I will hold Your people in my heart**

***Refrain:* Here I am, Lord
 Is it I, Lord?
 I have heard You calling in the night
 I will go, Lord
 If You lead me
 I will hold Your people in my heart**

**3. I, the Lord of wind and flame
 I will tend the poor and lame**

**Refrain:Here I am, Lord
 Is it I, Lord?
 I have heard You calling in the night
 I will go, Lord
 If You lead me
 I will hold Your people in my heart**

 **I will set a feast for them
 My hand will save
 Finest bread I will provide
' Til their hearts be satisfied
 I will give my life to them
 Whom shall I send?**

Made in the image of the Creator, every one of us carries within us the capacity to be a mystic, to be creative,

to be visionary, and to be an agent for positive change. It is our responsibility to say "here I am, send me"

and to cultivate our capacity to benefit earth and all it’s creatures.

What are we creating in this world that will cause positive ripples into the future?

**\* Praying**

Creator God, You who breathed your breath into us,

inspire us to be who you have created us to be so that we might offer our best selves

 to benefit a world that so desperately needs support, hope, life and joy.

We praise you for nudging us into the future you have created for each one of us.

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 for the Word** *Cosmic Hymn of Praise (vs. 1 & 2)* Michael Mangan

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



**Bringing Words to Life**

**First Reading** Isaiah 6: 1-8 Common English Bible (CEB)

One: In the year of King Uzziah’s death, I saw the Lord sitting on a high and exalted throne, the edges of his robe filling the temple. Winged creatures were stationed around him. Each had six wings: with two they veiled their faces, with two their feet, and with two they flew about. They shouted to each other, saying:

***All:* “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of heavenly forces!**

 **All the earth is filled with God’s glory!”**

*One:*  The doorframe shook at the sound of their shouting, and the house was filled with smoke.

 I said, “Mourn for me; I’m ruined! I’m a man with unclean lips, and I live among a people with unclean lips. Yet I’ve seen the king, the Lord of heavenly forces!” Then one of the winged creatures flew to me, holding a glowing coal that he had taken from the altar with tongs.

 He touched my mouth and said,

***All:* “See, this has touched your lips. Your guilt has departed, and your sin is removed.”**

*One:* Then I heard the Lord’s voice saying, “Whom should I send, and who will go for us?”I said,

***All:*****“I’m here; send me!”**

This is a Word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

All creation is a word of God. **All creation speaks volumes of God.**

**Gospel Reading**  Mark 4:35-41 CEB

Later that day, when evening came, Jesus said to them, “Let’s cross over to the other side of the lake.” They left the crowd and took him in the boat just as he was. Other boats followed along.

Gale-force winds arose, and waves crashed against the boat so that the boat was swamped. But Jesus was in the rear of the boat, sleeping on a pillow. They woke him up and said, “Teacher, don’t you care that we’re drowning?”

He got up and gave orders to the wind, and he said to the lake, “Silence! Be still!” The wind settled down and there was a great calm. Jesus asked them, “Why are you frightened? Don’t you have faith yet?”Overcome with awe, they said to each other, “Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!

**Message**  District Superintendent , Rev. Fabiola Grandon-Mayer

Reflections on the past year with references to some of the ways the Annual Conference has adapted and carried out ministry in the new paradigm and through the storms we weathered.

Open Discussion

1. What are some of the storms your church faced this past year?
2. How have you seen Jesus being a “way maker” for your church?
3. Where is Jesus calling your church to help others this next year?

**Celebration of Ministries:** Mission Team, Digital Ministry, United Churches of Galena

We Respond in Faith

**Invitation for Prayer** *We recognizes 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. Murray/Carlton Young

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**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 Bolivia, Brazil, Chile and Peru.

 **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

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Sung: **3. Let our lives be fruitful, beautiful and playful,**

**Everyday be thankful for the love of God.**

**Offering our Gifts**

*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.*

**Moment for Mission from your Mission Team**

 **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**

Our “**Change for the Better**” is Mujila Falls, Agricultural Research Center, Zambia (#15016A)

The Mission choice for Change for the Better this quarter, July, August, and September.

Addressing hunger and poverty with sustainable agriculture and leadership training.

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

**\*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**

**All: 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.*

**Closing Song** *We Are Called* FWS #2172 by David Hass ©1988 GIA Publications

**Come, live in the light
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord
We are called to be light for the kingdom
To live in the freedom of the city of God**

**We are called to act with justice
We are called to love tenderly
We are called to serve one another
To walk humbly with God**

**Come, open your heart
Show your mercy to all those in fear
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So all hatred and blindness will be no more**

**We are called to act with justice
We are called to love tenderly
We are called to serve one another
To walk humbly with God**

**Sing, sing a new song
Sing of that great day when all will be one
God will reign and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love (united in love)**

**We are called to act with justice
We are called to love tenderly
We are called to serve one another
To walk humbly with God**

**Business of Charge Conference**

District Superintendent , Rev. Fabiola Grandon-Mayer

1. **Lay Nominations Report**
2. **Clergy Compensation**
3. **Other Reports:** One Leadership Board
4. United Methodist Women
5. Lay Leader, Sherry Marc
6. Investments
7. Trustees

**Closing Prayer and Benediction** Pastor Catiana

**The Benediction Song** *The Trees of the Field! FWS #2279 Words: Steffi Geiser Ruben*

*Music Stuart Daumermann; ©1979 Lillenas Publishing Co., admin. by The Copyright Co.*

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;**

**the mountain and the hills will break forth before you;**

**there’ll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.**

**And all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands. \*\***

**--the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.\*\***

**--the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.\*\*-**

**While you go out with joy!**

**Postlude** *You Are Holy* Words and music Per Harling 1991 copyright © 1991 by Per Harling

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

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| **DATE** | **LITURGIST** | **GREETERS** | **COFFEE HOST** |
| **October 3 World Communion Sunday** |  |  |  |
| **October 10****October 17** | Julie EgglestonB’Ann Dittmar | Lonna McDermottThe Dittmar Family |  |
| **October 24** | Sherry Marc | David & Annie Silaggi |  |

**COUNTRY FAIR SIGN-UP TIME**! It's time to start signing up as a volunteer for the Country Fair which will be **October 9 & 10**!   Our church receives $10 per hour per worker shift!   We continue to increase the amount of money our church receives so let's keep the trend going! There is a poster with sign up information in the hallway leading to fellowship hall!  Please look at the opportunities!  SIGN-UP BY AUGUST 31 If you volunteered in the past and want the same shift and booth sign up early! Your church rep is Pat Willy and she can be reached at 815-776-0897 or email at jpwilly13@gmail.com

**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**

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**SEPTEMBER**

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| **24** |  | **Wayne Turner** |
| **29** |  | **Janette Bader** |

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|  | **OCTOBER** |
| 1 | **Deb Stodden** |
| 7 | **Tyler Sincock** |
| 7 | **Linda Schafer** |
| 8 | **Dennis Irwin** |

**Sacred Earth, Sacred Work**

**Six-week Worship Series began September 5th**

*When God began to create the heavens and the earth— the earth was without shape or form... and God’s wind swept over the waters... God saw everything God had made: it was supremely good.*

What if we lived life truly connected to the origins of Creation and the Creator? In the beginning God created all things and called them originally “good.” In this series we will explore six essential ideas found in Creation Spirituality–a way of living within the community of earth that deepens our reverence for life, participates in the creativity of the cosmos, and develops our passion for justice and human transformation. It compels us to lead lives of spiritual inquiry, creativity, and prophetic

action as our sacred work in the world. Adapted from Worship Design Studio

**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**

**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.

Hold our dear members and friends who passed away this last year and their families in prayer.

Beverly DeBords brother, Donald Renner, died and his visitation will be Sunday, Sept. 26, 1-4 p.m. 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 this last week. "Dave and I were blessed to be at her side and also be there for my Dad, Chester. Prayers would be greatly appreciated." Annie.

Prayers for Roberta Turner's great grandson, new-born, Khyson Turner, now up to 4 lbs; please hold Carolyn and Tom Grey in your prayers; prayers for Judy Biegon's cousin’s immediate and 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.

Continue to pray for Wayne and Mary Turner and their health issues; Hold Charlene Price in prayer for healing (compression-fracture) following a fall; Marlene Niec is recovering from a fall; Continue prayers for Meg Gibs, 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 finda 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.

**TODAY, Sunday, September 26 All Church Conference**

**Our service will be recorded, edited and placed as Sunday Service on our website following the service/meeting.** This is a time to evaluate the work of the church and a time to celebrate our ministries in our community, despite the difficulties and restrictions of the pandemic. Superintendent, Rev. Fabiola Grandon-Mayerwill, be with us. Our Staff Parrish will meet at 9:30 am.

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

**Galena United Methodist Church**

***By God’s grace, the Galena United Methodist Church is the Body of Christ striving***

***to fulfill Christ’s Great Command to love God & love neighbor,***

***& Christ’s Great Commission to make disciples.***

 Mission: **“Love God” “Love Neighbor” “Make Disciples*”***

**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.”*

Pastor: Rev. Catiana McKay Ministers: The Congregation

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