

OCTOBER 8, 2017 2pm

The Blessing of Animals



St. Francis



*Wherever you are on your spiritual journey,  
All Saints Kingsway welcomes you.*

*Presiding:*      The Reverend Patrick McManus

Prelude:  
**Nun freut euch, lieben Christen g'mein BWV 734**

*J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

Welcome:

Hymn 355:  
**All Creatures of Our God and King**

*Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!  
O praise Him, O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day  
Unfoldest blessing on our way,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
Let them His glory also show!  
O praise Him, O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
O praise Him, O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*~St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)*

Prayer of the Day:

*Presider:* O sweet maker of all, we thank you for all who have gathered here today, large and small, animal and human. May our lives be filled with joy as you intend. Together may we love this world and revere its sacredness. We ask this blessing of you to whom all creatures belong. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

Reading:

**Genesis 1:24-27, 31**

*Reader: Jenn Kelly*

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection:  
*The Reverend Patrick McManus*

Prayers of the People:  
*Leader: Sharon Conway*

*The leader offers the particular prayers requested  
by the community*

*Leader:* Let us give thanks to God for all his gifts  
so freely bestowed upon us, for the beauty and  
wonder of God's creation, in earth and sky and sea;

*People:* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Leader:* For the richness of the mountains,  
plains and rivers;

*People:* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Leader:* For all that is gracious in the lives  
of men and women;

*People:* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Leader:* For all creatures that breathe, and move,  
and have life;

*People:* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Leader:* For the trust you have shown  
in giving into our care these, our pets;

*People:* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Leader:* That each pet here may be treasured with care;  
*People:* **We pray to you, Lord.**

*Leader:* That we may love and honour all your works,  
O God;  
*People:* **We pray to you, Lord.**

*Leader:* That we may continue to grow  
in our grateful enjoyment  
of your abundant creation;  
*People:* **We pray to you, Lord.**

*Officiant:* O God, you created all living things on the face of  
the earth and gave us dominion over them;

Grant that we may be faithful to this trust in the  
way that we treat all animals, both wild and tame.

Teach us to admire their beauty and to delight in  
their cunning; to respect their strength and to  
wonder at their intelligence.

Grant that our use of them may be both merciful  
and wise. So may we lend our voice to their praise  
of your goodness which endures forever. **Amen.**

Blessing of Animals:

*During the next hymn, please bring your pet forward to receive a  
blessing for you and your pet.  
Please return to your seat afterwards.*

Hymn 415:

**All Things Bright and Beautiful**

*Tune: All Things Bright*

***Refrain:***

All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
he made their glowing colors,  
he made their tiny wings. ***Refrain***

The purple-headed mountain,  
the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning  
that brightens up the sky. ***Refrain***

The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
he made them every one. ***Refrain***

He gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well. ***Refrain***

*Officiant:* N., may you be blessed in the Name of God who created you, and may you and N. (the owner) enjoy life together with our God. **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Concluding Prayer:

*Officiant:* Almighty God, our Creator, yours are the praise, the glory, the honour and all blessings! To you alone do all things belong. Be praised for giving us the animals, birds and fish which fill your world. O God, your world is wonderful. May we all come into your even greater world of the kingdom of heaven where we shall see even more wonderful things and where we shall live and love for ever. This we ask to your eternal praise, and to our blessing. **Amen.**

Dismissal:

*Officiant:* Let us go forth in peace!

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude:

**Fantasia on "Salvation"**

*David Paxton [Lani Smith] (1934-2015)*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given  
to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of loved ones  
given by June Masnyk*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given  
to the glory of God  
in celebration of the joy of the harvest season  
given by Mr. J. Slocombe*

*Please notify the Clergy if you know of anyone  
who is ill or otherwise in need of pastoral care.  
Such information is of great assistance to the Clergy,  
as they endeavour to minister to parishioners.*

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