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4th Sunday of Creation

(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all.
All points marked * those who are able are invited to stand.)

Approach

- * Gathering Hymn VU #291– “*All Things Bright and Beautiful*”

Call to Worship

One: Called to be God’s people, we gather in joy-filled celebration of our Creating God.

All: We celebrate the Godly miracles of creation we experience every day and night.

One: Called to be a people of faith, we gather to praise our Eternal and Loving God.

All: Faithful God, we gather to give our thanks that your promises are totally reliable.

One: Called to be a people of hope and trust, we gather to give thanks for God’s care and compassion towards people who are vulnerable to life’s fears and stresses.

All: Justice-loving God, we give thanks that your love and mercy are the source and power behind God’s commitments to the created world and towards all humanity; and especially towards vulnerable, dispossessed and isolated people in our midst. AMEN

- * Opening Hymn VU #288 – “*Great is Thy Faithfulness*”

Prayer of Approach and Confession

God, before time began, God, after all time ends, God, of the present moment, we worship you. Before our earliest memories you knew us; after all memories shall cease you will know us still. Out of reach of the highest endeavours of science; undefined by the deepest workings of our brains, yet to the humble heart, the questing spirit, the anguished soul, the quiet mind, you choose, in love and mercy, to make yourself known and we are forever grateful for your light in our lives. We need to confess, God of Abraham and Lazarus, how often we are not content with the simple gifts and lives you offer. Tempted by everything, we can become insensitive to those who have

nothing. Encouraged by the world to accumulate more, we may miss the chance to gather your goodness and godliness. godliness. Chasing after all which has no value, we may not have the energy to pursue the faith, the love, the gentleness you have for us. Forgive us, God of Reversals. You have sent the One who speaks the words we need to listen to in order to have life. Help us to remember how you have redeemed us, and in remembering, may we make that good confession that we are followers of Jesus the Christ, now and forever. AMEN

Words of Assurance

Children’s Time

- * Hymn VU #672 – “*Take Time to Be Holy*”

The Word

- 📖 Scripture Reading – 1Timothy 6: 6-19
Luke 16: 19-31

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Meditation – “I can’t even imagine!”

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – “Knowing You”

The Response

Announcements

- * Offering / Response

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
And the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
We thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts we give.**

The Lord’s Prayer (VU #960) / Prayers of the People

- * Closing Hymn MV #172 – “*God Says*”

- * Benediction / Response (VU #298)

**When you walk from here,
When you walk from here,
Walk with justice, walk with mercy,
And with God’s humble care.**