# Children's **Bulletin** October 18, 2020



An Open & Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

To You, O God, all creatures sing, and all creation, everything sings Your praises, alleluia! Your burning sun with golden beam, Your silver moon with softer gleam sing Your praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Your Wind that blows the tempest by, Your clouds that sail across the sky sing Your praises, alleluia, Your morning rises with a song, And lights of evening sing along sing Your praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Your flowing waters crystal clear, Make melodies for you to hear, sing Your praises, alleluia, Your fire bountiful and bright, Remembering your warmth and light sing Your praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

To You, O God, day after day, Your planet earth in every way, sings Your praises, alleluia, as savory fruit and fragrant flower show forth Your glory and Your power, singing praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Now we who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take our part, sing Your praises, alleluia! To You we lift our pain and care, receive the burdens that we bear, singing praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

In you a kind and gentle death, Prepares to hush our final breath sing Your praises, alleluia, Christ goes before us to renew The way that leads us home to you Hear our praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Draw a picture of our beautiful creation.

# **Opening Prayer**

#### We Sound the Bell

### **Centering Poem**

"In Blackwater Woods"

Mary Oliver

Look, the trees are turning their own bodies into pillars

of light, are giving off the rich fragrance of cinnamon and fulfillment,

the long tapers of cattails are bursting and floating away over the blue shoulders

of the ponds, and every pond, no matter what its name is, is

nameless now.
Every year
everything
I have ever learned

in my lifetime leads back to this: the fires and the black river of loss whose other side

is salvation, whose meaning none of us will ever know. To live in this world

you must be able to do three things: to love what is mortal; to hold it

against your bones knowing your own life depends on it; and, when the time comes to let it go, to let it go.

#### We Pass the Peace of Christ

#### **Anthem**

I Believe in Jesus Christ -Bach, Gounod;

#### Celebration of Gratitude

## Message for all Children of God

Go now in peace, go now in peace May the love of God surround you! Everywhere, everywhere you may go

Draw something you are grateful for.

# Paying Taxes to Caesar

Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." Matthew 22:21 Based on Matthew 22:15-22 (NIV)



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