

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, May 18, 2025

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Blessing of the Animal Sunday

11:00 a.m.

May 18, 2025

Prelude “The King of Love” *by Roberta Rowland-Raybold (Irish Melody)*
~ Debbie L. Fitzgerald

Welcome and Announcements ~ Liturgist

Call to Worship *(Responsively)*

Leader: Rejoice, people of God: this is our Sabbath day.

People: **Rejoice, friends in Christ: this is our time for worship.**

Leader: God has ordained the Sabbath, rest and restoration.

People: **God is worthy of worship, our Creator, Healer, and Inspiration.**

ALL: **Then, let us worship God**

Prayer of Invocation ~ Liturgist

*Opening Hymn “This Is My Father’s World” # 75
Sing to the Lord Hymnal

Call to Reconciliation ~ Pastor Yearick

How often have we heard the good news of forgiveness and restoration? Yet, we are still reluctant to believe. God offers us new life, yet we are afraid to let go of the old. In the light of God’s promises, let us confess our doubts and fears to the One who waits to make us whole. Let us prayer together with the prayer of confession printed in the bulletin. Let us pray...

Unison Prayer of Confession

We use a lot of words, Gracious God, but do little to turn them into action. Instead of being of one heart and soul, we choose sides and form groups of folks just like us. Blessed with grace, we have trouble sharing it with those who need it the most. Forgive us, God of love. Challenge us as we step out of our shadows into your light. Restore us, as we reveal our brokenness. Hear us, as we proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and our God.

Silence is Kept

Assurance of God's Pardon *(Responsively)*

Pastor: This is the good news we have declare: God leads us out of the shadows to walk in the light of Christ.

People: **This is the word we have heard: our faithful God forgives our sins and raises us to new life.**

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

A Time With Children

“Obey God's Word”

~ *Pastor Yearick*

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: ...The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Anthem

“Lord, How Majestic Is Your Name” *by Austin C. Lovelace* ~ *Choir*

Prayer for Illumination

~ *Ed Jekel*

The Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:20-28

(NIV)

²⁰And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” ²¹So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” ²³And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day. ²⁴And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” ²⁷So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Genesis 6:11-22 (NIV)

¹¹Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. ¹²God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. ¹³So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. ¹⁴So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. ¹⁵This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be three hundred cubits long, fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high. ¹⁶Make a roof for it, leaving below the roof an opening one cubit high all around. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. ¹⁷I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. ¹⁸But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. ²⁰Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. ²¹You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them." ²²Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The Message "Born to Be Wild – Born to Be Loved" ~ Pastor Yearick

*Hymn of Response "His Eye is on the Sparrow" #103
Sing to the Lord Hymnal

*A Litany for God's Creation "Stewards of God's Creation" ~ Noreen Jekel
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Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer ~ Pastor Yearick

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. AMEN.

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory "Take the Name of Jesus with You" ~ Debbie Fitzgerald
by W. Howard Doane; Arr. by Cindy Berry

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

~ Pastor Yearick

*Closing Hymn

“Let All Things Now Living”

#769

Sing to the Lord Hymnal

*Charge and Benediction

~ Pastor Yearick

*Postlude

“Regent Square” by Charles Callahan

~ Debbie Fitzgerald

*Please rise in body or spirit / **Bold:** Congregation Speaks

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Welcome!

Welcome to everyone who is worshiping with us today.



Prayer List Additions as of 04/04/2025

Carol Mattocks – Pray for Louis Foye and Jim Foscue both of whom are going through some very serious health concerns; Vic Bryan – Prayers for the family of Frankie Parker who passed away this past week; Shirley Bryan – Prayers for the family of Grace Jones who passed away recently. Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church

A message from Noreen Jekel:

Ed, my sister and I thank everyone so much for their support and prayers over the last weeks – they really helped us through such a difficult time. We are blessed to have such a caring church family.

I ask for your continued prayers for my sister Marilyn as she deals with this great loss and for her husband Michel who has dementia.



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Acts 11:1-18 and Psalm 148 or Leviticus 19:9-18 and Psalm 24:1-6

Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

Daily Readings for May 18 – 24 use the following web link:

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily-readings/>



Ushers: May - Sheron Bender & Barbara Smith

June - Noreen & Ed Jekel

July - Rebecca Long & Diane McCaffity

August - Ron Pound & Sandy Yearick

October - Joan Knight & Jerry Burkot

November - Bob & Carol Mattocks

December - Vic Bryan & Kay Bender

September ushers needed.



Sunday, May 25th we will have a hymn sing



prior to worship to offer an opportunity to sing some of the hymns we sing infrequently, or to sing a favorite hymn. This month we will be singing patriotic hymns!!



The Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering is an annual tradition began over a century ago. Grants from this offering have funded more than 200 major capital projects and today fruits from these projects continue to thrive in places like Peru, South Korea, Malawi, and across the U.S. Proceeds from the first Birthday Offering helped fund the construction of the beautiful entrance gate at the Montreat Conference Center here in Montreat, NC. This year's offering will address housing for Native Americans in South Dakota and disaster relief in the Mississippi Delta. To learn more about the Birthday Offering visit presbyterianwomen.org/birthday. It is not too late to give... If you wish to give, please place your offering in the offering plate and earmark for "PW Birthday Offering".



OUR PRAYER Reaching Out ... Lifting up

Each week we lift up those in our congregation to specifically pray for as part of our community of faith. We suggest you highlight them each day in your prayers for the guidance and direction God wishes for them. Pastor Ken will announce from the pulpit each week.

This Past Week:

Carol Nelson, Dana Bender, Debbie Fitzgerald, Janet Purvis and Rebecca Long

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Sunday Mornings 11:00 am – Worship in the Church Sanctuary &

Streaming Live on Facebook, YouTube & on PPC Website

Sundays at 9:45 am Adult Sunday School – Remember your Bibles!

Children's Sunday School at 9:45 am

Wednesdays 6 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, May 18th 2-4 pm Blessing of the Pets

Sunday, May 25th Hymn Sing during Morning Worship

Monday, May 26th Memorial Day – Church Office Closed

Sunday, June 1st 5 pm Session Meeting

Sunday, June 8th Day of Pentecost - Communion

Sunday, June 9th 7 pm Presbyterian Women Meeting

Sunday, June 15th Father's Day - Lunch Following Morning Service

Sunday, June 22nd 8 am Mem's Breakfast Team 4 to cook

Sunday, June 29th Hymn Sing during Morning Worship

Sunday, July 6th NO Session Meeting



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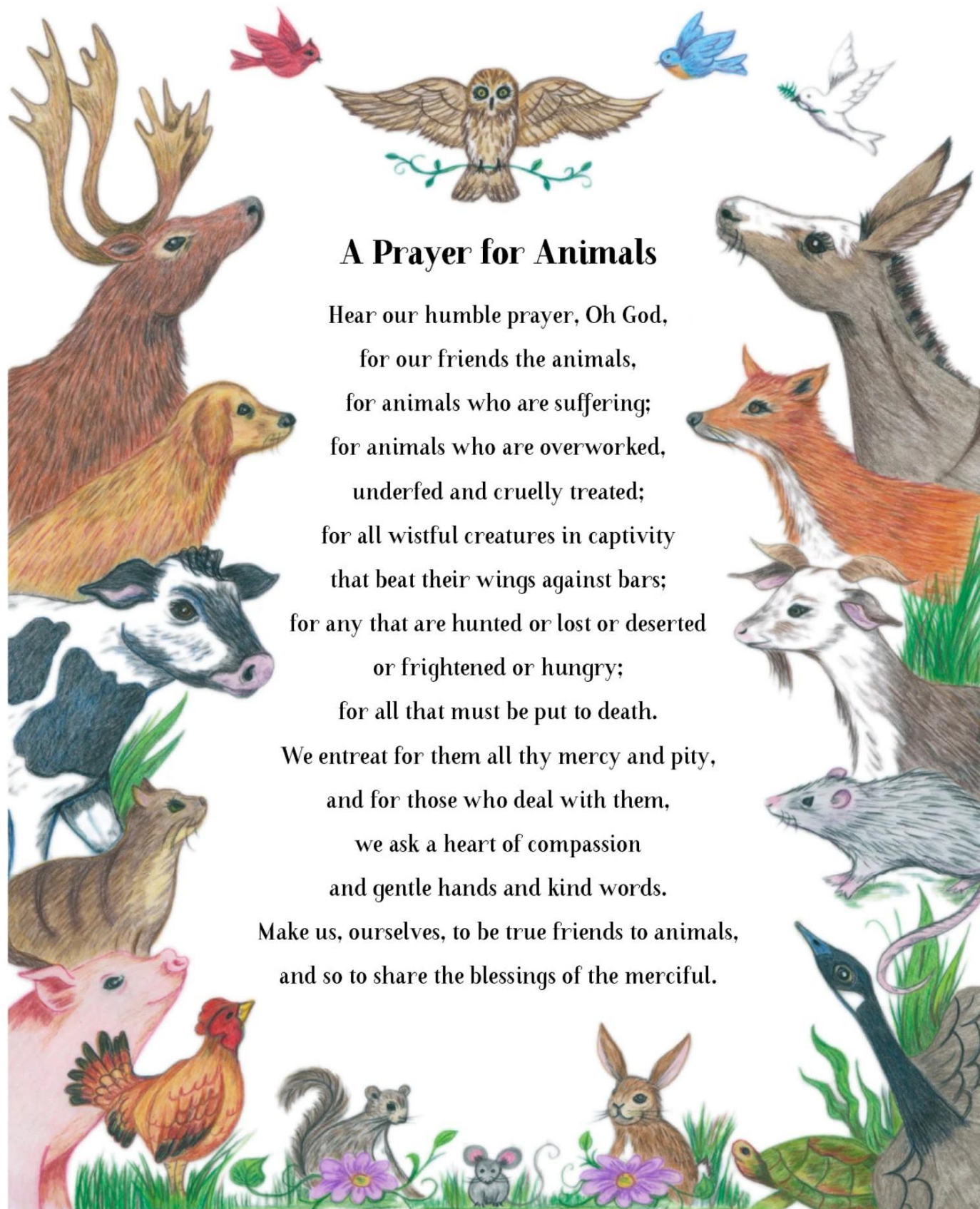
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A Prayer for Animals

Hear our humble prayer, Oh God,
for our friends the animals,
for animals who are suffering;
for animals who are overworked,
underfed and cruelly treated;
for all wistful creatures in captivity
that beat their wings against bars;
for any that are hunted or lost or deserted
or frightened or hungry;
for all that must be put to death.
We entreat for them all thy mercy and pity,
and for those who deal with them,
we ask a heart of compassion
and gentle hands and kind words.
Make us, ourselves, to be true friends to animals,
and so to share the blessings of the merciful.