



At a Glance – Season of Creation and Pentecost 2 2019

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Date	Sept 1, 2019	Sept 8, 2019	Sept 15, 2019	Sept 22, 2019	Sept 29, 2019	Oct 6, 2019
Liturgical date	12th Sun after Pentecost 22nd Sun in Ordinary Time Proper 17 (22) Season of Creation 1	13th Sun after Pentecost 23rd Sun in Ordinary Time Proper 18 (23) Season of Creation 2	14th Sun after Pentecost 24th Sun in Ordinary Time Proper 19 (24) Season of Creation 3	15th Sun after Pentecost 25th Sun in Ordinary Time Proper 20 (25) Season of Creation 4	16th Sun after Pentecost 26th Sun in Ordinary Time Proper 21 (26)	17th Sun after Pentecost 27th Sun in Ordinary Time Proper 22 (27)
Title	Ocean Sunday	Fauna and Flora Sunday	Storm Sunday	Cosmos Sunday	Keeping Focus	The Heirloom of Faith
Lessons <small>(The focus in the age-level materials is in bold.)</small>	Job 38:1-18 Psalm 104:1-9, 24-26 Ephesians 1:3-10 Luke 5:1-11	Job 39:1-8, 26-30 Psalm 104:14-23 1 Corinthians 1:10-23 Luke 12:22-31	Job 28:20-27 Psalm 29 1 Corinthians 1:21-31 Luke 8:22-25	Proverbs 8:22-31 Psalm 148 Colossians 1:15-20 John 6:41-51	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31	Lamentations 1:1-6 Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10

Emphasis for worship, learning, and serving

The Season of Creation begins with a focus on the untamed and life-giving, powerful, yet fragile oceans of the world, and we reflect on how God is revealed in the ways of the ocean.

On Fauna and Flora Sunday, our eyes are opened to see ourselves as part of God's created world, as part of the fauna, dependent on the flora, of this amazing thing we call the world, and we consider the consequences when we step into God's way.

Storm Sunday offers a dual theme of seeing God present and powerful in our world and recognizing that God's wisdom is different than we might have first thought; we consider how our faith empowers us to find our way through the storms of life.

Cosmos Sunday invites us to stretch all our understandings beyond the wilds of imaginations, and find God present in the tiniest insect and the greatest of mountains, and all things in between.

This week, a prophet's act inspires us to invest in God's hope, while the story of Lazarus and a letter to Timothy remind us that faithful, discipleship living requires paying attention to what's going on around us and to cultivate love through acts of generosity.

In a letter to Timothy, we are reminded that faith is both a gift and a legacy and grows in a communal context: we celebrate examples of faithful living around us.

Personal reflection

You might send weekly e-mails to people on your e-mail list throughout Seasons of Creation and Pentecost 2, posting each week to your congregation's social networking site or adding to your bulletin.

The complexity and expanse of creation are greater than we can understand. God laid the foundation of Earth. God said to the ocean, "thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped" (Job 38:11). That is one powerful God.

Reflect on the web of life that is connected to the ocean/river/stream wetlands that are close to you. Pray for people who are working to keep your local waterways free of pollution.

"You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth." (Psalm 104:14)

The readings for the Season of Creation invite us into a relationship with the natural elements that surround us.

We have an intimate relationship with the plants and animals that feed and nourish us. Our food comes from all parts of creation. We depend on creation to keep us alive. When we grow, harvest and consume responsibly, we are caring for Creation and preserving the balance of nature for the generations that follow us.

Buy locally raised ingredients, make a meal, and invite your friends to share it with you.

"God sits enthroned over the flood; God sits enthroned as ruler forever. May God give strength to God's people! May God bless God's people with peace!" (Psalm 29:10-11)

Creator God is not the only role that God plays in our lives. As these verses explain, God is a God of the storm, and God strengthens and calms us. While we might struggle with the different roles God plays in our lives, we can be assured that God is present in times of storm.

Listen to or read the news, paying particular attention to stories that talk about how storms have affected a community. Pray for people whose lives have been affected by storms, that they feel God's strength and peace surrounding them.

We take for granted God's divine wisdom in creation – elements of creation that work perfectly together to sustain all life.

In Proverbs, Wisdom speaks about the creation of the cosmos at the beginning of time, "before the beginning of the earth" (Proverbs 8:23). Wisdom was there alongside God – conserving and protecting Creation – sharing in God's delight. We cannot forget our role in maintaining the health of all creation – it will undoubtedly affect our own.

Go outside for lunch, take a walk in nature in the morning or evening, or take your book or newspaper outdoors.

"Child, remember that during your lifetime you receive your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things..."

In a story from the gospel of Luke, a vast chasm separated the rich man and Lazarus. God calls us to examine the things that separate communities, step across the divides, and reconcile ourselves to one another.

Think of someone who is across a vast chasm from you. Through conversation, discover what you have in common.

E-mail or call a woman who has had a significant effect on your faith journey and tell her what this influence means to you.





At a Glance – Pentecost 1 2019



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Date	Oct 13, 2019	Oct 20, 2019	Oct 27, 2019	Nov 3, 2019	Nov 10, 2019	Nov 17, 2019	Nov 24, 2019
Liturgical date	18th Sun after Pentecost 28th Sun in Ordinary Time Proper 23 (28)	19th Sun after Pentecost 29th Sun in Ordinary Time Proper 24 (29)	20th Sun after Pentecost 30th Sun in Ordinary Time Proper 25 (30)	21st Sun after Pentecost 31st Sun in Ordinary Time Proper 26 (31)	22nd Sun after Pentecost 32nd Sun in Ordinary Time Proper 27 (32)	23rd Sun after Pentecost 33rd Sun in Ordinary Time Proper 28 (33)	24th Sun after Pentecost 34th Sun in Ordinary Time Proper 29 (34) Reign of Christ/ Christ the King
Title	Get Up and Go	Faith Persists	Be Satisfied	Changing Perspectives	Basking in God	A Vision of Promise	Reign of Christ
Lections <small>(The focus in the age-level materials is in bold.)</small>	Jeremiah 29:1, 4–7 Psalm 66:1–12 2 Timothy 2:8–15 Luke 17:11–19	Jeremiah 31:27–34 Psalm 119:97–104 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5 Luke 18:1–8	Joel 2:23–32 Psalm 65 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18 Luke 18:9–14	Habakkuk 1:1–4, 2:1–4 Psalm 119:137–144 2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 11–12 Luke 19:1–10	Haggai 1:15b–2:9 Psalm 145:11–5, 17–21 2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17 Luke 20:27–38	Isaiah 65:17–25 Isaiah 12 Thessalonians 3:6–13 Luke 21:5–19	Jeremiah 23:1–6 Luke 1:68–79 Colossians 1:11–20 Luke 23:33–43
Emphasis for worship, learning, and serving	The restorative power of Christ and the boundary crossing communities that God seeks to build is expressed in a story of the healing of the 10.	A story of a woman persistently seeking justice encourages us to never give up doing likewise.	Through an act of deep humility, a tax collector experiences the sustaining presence of God, and we are challenged by the ways arrogance and pride alienate.	Zacchaeus climbs a tree to see and we, with the grumbling community, are given a view of Christ's inclusive love that moves selfishness to charity, grumbling to awe, and a cast-out to be called by name.	A psalmist meditates on the splendour of God's majesty and mighty works and inspires us to bask in and thrive in the presence of God.	Isaiah's vision of all Creation healed of its brokenness moves us to live and work toward that reality.	This last day of the Church year offers an opportunity to proclaim God's way and Christ's reign, a reign that transcends all, holding all together and binding us by grace.
Personal reflection <small>You might send weekly e-mails to people on your e-mail list throughout Seasons of Creation and Pentecost 2, posting each week to your congregation's social networking site, or adding to your bulletin.</small>	Jesus' healing of the 10 with leprosy shows God's endurance during the most difficult and painful times through to healing on the other side. It is in the actions of the 10 that they are made well – Jesus invites them to go and return to the community so they might be a part of it again. Although we might not experience dramatic physical healing, we can step out in faith and allow God to heal relationships or personal wounds.	The persistent widow in this week's gospel reading did not give up. She continually demanded justice from the unjust judge. Despite the judge's hardened heart, the widow endured. We don't know the specific situation of the widow's case for justice, but we can all probably quickly cite examples of injustice that we see in the world around us. God's justice is always with us. Take action that will help bring about justice in a situation that needs justice today – maybe in writing a letter or placing a phone call to an elected official, joining in a march or protest, or praying for the endurance.	We can easily fall into the trap of the Pharisee in this week's society's emphasis on image and self-promotion (think about social media sites), we can quickly pass judgment on what people say, do, and on their appearance. Jesus reminds us that in the reign of God, "all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted." Reflect on the unhealthy comparisons you make between others and yourself. Make a list of ways you can build up healthy self-esteem that doesn't put others down.	Jesus' visit to Zacchaeus' house shows us how important it is to show how much God's love means to us – with our hospitality and sacrifice. Zacchaeus was viewed by many as a sinner and even unclean because of his interactions with the Romans. Jesus calls Zacchaeus by name – knowing what is in his heart, even as the crowd grumbles. Invite someone into your home for a meal.	"God is near to all who call." The psalmist reminds us that God is always close to us. This is important to remember during times of trial, and also when things in our lives are going just fine. God's glorious splendour and wondrous works are to be praised daily, forever and ever. Start each day by stretching your arms into the air, and naming one or two things for which you are thankful saying, "I praise God for..."	"The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox." God sees reconciliation where there are misunderstanding and hostility. Things are going to be transformed – there will be life and new homes where there was once death and despair. Everything will live in harmony – creation, too. Reflect on the areas of your life that need transformation. Perhaps cluttered cupboards, an unhealthy diet, or an overbooked schedule. Pick one of these areas and work on transforming it into something more balanced in order to bring harmony to your own life.	"Christ is the image of the invisible God." Christ holds all things together – a way for God to also hold us close. We have a hard time imagining the complete glory of the Reign of Christ. God's ways are grander than we can imagine. We can know that through Christ, we can learn more about God's wisdom and what we need to do to become the loving church community that God wants us to be. Start and add to a list of ways that you see God at work in the world around you.

