



# What Does It Take? to Make Church?

135th Episcopal Church in Colorado Annual Convention

## Noonday Prayer

Friday, October 14, 11:30 am

### Opening Sentences

We speak to you today from the unceded territory of the Cheyenne nation.

Man did not weave the web of life - he is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself.

- Chief Seattle, 1854 treaty oration

### Psalm 148 Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*

and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and wingèd birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;

### **A Poem by Walt Whitman**

This is what you shall do; Love the earth and sun and the animals, despise riches, give alms to every one that asks, stand up for the stupid and crazy, devote your income and labor to others, hate tyrants, argue not concerning God, have patience and indulgence toward the people, take off your hat to nothing known or unknown or to any man or number of men, go freely with powerful uneducated persons and with the young and with the mothers of families, read these leaves in the open air every season of every year of your life, re-examine all you have been told at school or church or in any book, dismiss whatever

insults your own soul, and your very flesh shall be a great poem and have the richest fluency not only in its words but in the silent lines of its lips and face and between the lashes of your eyes and in every motion and joint of your body.

**From a speech by Greta Thunberg to the United Nations,  
9/23/2019**

This is all wrong. I shouldn't be up here. I should be back in school on the other side of the ocean. Yet you all come to us young people for hope. How Dare You! You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words. And yet, I'm one of the lucky ones. People are suffering. People are dying. Entire ecosystems are collapsing. We are in the beginning of a mass extinction and all you can talk about is money and fairy tales of eternal economic growth. How Dare You!

**Music**

**Prayers**

*Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others.*

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

## **The Collect**

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your mercies' sake. Amen.

## **A Ute Prayer**

Treat the earth well.

It was not given to you by your parents,  
it was loaned to you by your children.

We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors,  
we borrow it from our Children.

## **The Blessing (Apache)**

May the sun bring you new energy by day,  
may the moon softly restore you by night,  
may the rain wash away your worries,  
may the breeze blow new strength into your being,  
may you walk gently through the world and  
know its beauty all the days of your life.

## **Readers & Prayer Leaders**

Nancy Kinney, Missioner, Northwest Region

Kandace Einbeck, St. Aidan's, Boulder

Devyn Hubbs, Christ's Church, Castle Rock

Bal Patterson, Missioner, Front Range Region

Bishop Kym Lucas, Bishop, The Episcopal Church in  
Colorado

## **Music**

The Rev. Charlie Brumbaugh, St. John's, Breckenridge