

Prelude: *Prelude*, Oscar Meier-Hansen

Welcome, Opening of the Word and Invocation (Habakkuk 2:20)

Hymn #502

Responsive Reading: Psalm 36: 5-10

Leader: *Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.*

All: *Your justice is like the mountains in their splendor, your judgments like the great deep.*

Leader: *Whether human or animal, YHWH, you keep us all in your care.*

All: *How precious is your love! Whether creatures of heaven or children of earth, we all find refuge in the shadow of your wings.*

Leader: *We feast on the bounty of your estate, and drink from the stream of your delights.*

All: *In you is the wellspring of Life, and in your light we become enlightened.*

Leader: *Prolong your love for those who know you,*

All: *and your justice for upright hearts.*

Opening Prayer (please kneel, said in unison)

Holy and everliving God, by your power we are created and by your love we are redeemed; guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live each day in love to one another and you.

(A New Zealand Prayer Book)

Offering: *Invention*, Flor Peeters

Offertory Response (please stand, sung in unison):

***We give Thee but Thine Own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee***

Readings: Genesis 1:1-2:4, Secrets of Heaven #2999

Children's Message

Sermon: We Are Earth Creatures!

Time of Reflection: *Sunlight*, Oscar Meier-Hansen

Affirmation of Worship for Communion (see insert, said in unison)

Communion Prayer (see insert, said in unison - optional)

Communion

Closing Prayer

Prayer of Gratitude

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn #719

Benediction (A New Zealand Prayer Book)

Postlude: *Allegro*, Flor Peeters

