



a **time** to be born and a **time** to die
a **time** to plant
and a **time** to pluck up what was planted
a **time** to kill and a **time** to heal
a **time** to break down and a **time** to build up
a **time** to weep and a **time** to laugh
a **time** to mourn and a **time** to dance
a **time** to throw away stones
and a **time** to gather stones together
a **time** to embrace
and a **time** to refrain from embracing
a **time** to seek and a **time** to lose
a **time** to keep and a **time** to throw away
a **time** to tear and a **time** to sew
a **time** to keep silent and a **time** to speak
a **time** to love and a **time** to hate
a **time** for war and a **time** for peace

Worship for the Lord's Day

January 1, 2023 — First Sunday after Christmas

Greeting

Prayer in Prelude
Prayer in Words

Psalm 8

O Eternal, our Lord,

Your majestic name is heard throughout the earth;

Your magnificent glory shines far above the skies.

From the mouths and souls of infants and toddlers, the most innocent,

**You have decreed power to stop Your adversaries
and quash those who seek revenge.**

When I gaze to the skies and meditate on Your creation—
on the moon, stars, and all You have made,

**we can't help but wonder why You care about mortals—
sons and daughters of humans—
specks of dust floating about the cosmos.**

But You placed humanity just beneath God

and honored them like royalty, crowning them with glory and honor.

**You ordained them to govern the works of Your hands,
to nurture the offspring of Your divine imagination;
You placed everything on earth beneath their feet.**

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Your majestic name is heard throughout the earth.

Hymn 134

Guided Prayers of Confession

Revelation 21:1-6

Assurance of Grace and Mercy
Response 134, verse 4

Sharing in the Peace of Jesus

Announcements for our Common Life

Gathering our Offerings

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this your Word, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Hymn 132

Sermon “For everything there is a season ...”

Hymn 515, verses 1-3

Sharing in the Communion Meal

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right for us to give thanks and praise ...

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.

Closing Unison Prayer

**God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May this food strengthen us in your saving love
and help us to serve you in each other in the year before us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.**

Hymn 515, verses 4-5

Charge and Benediction

Response

**May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever he may send you.
May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.
May he bring you home rejoicing, once again into our doors.**

