

Genesis 8: 20-22 NIV

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Genesis 9:12-17

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September 27, 2020 17th Sunday After Pentecost Creation 4 – River Sunday



Revelation 22:1-5 NIV

²² Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

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Words of Welcome

Gathering *MV 1 Let Us Build a House (vs 2)*

Lighting the Candle

As we light this candle, let the light remind us of the sacred fire that dwells within our hearts and that our hearts are connected with Creator God, with our families, with our communities and with our universal family. May the flame of Christ's eternal light find and welcome every spirit. Amen

Call to Worship

People of God, let us gather by the river of life. **We come to the river with our whole selves.** In our sorrow, the river offers comfort. **In our joy, the river rejoices with us.** In our loneliness, the river provides companionship. **In our uncertainty and pain, the river offers new life.** We gather today to celebrate together the great gift of water God has given us.
Thanks be to God.

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, be with us today, in our joy and sorrow, anticipation, and exhaustion. Lead us to your life-giving water so that we may be renewed to carry out your transformative work in the world. Amen

Hymn MV 30 It's a Song of Praise to the Maker
(vs 1 & 2)

Prayers for Grace & Transformation
Words of Assurance

Scripture Genesis 8: 20-22, 9: 12-17 NIV
Revelation 22:1-5 NIV

Reflection - *Imagine*

Hymn VU 664 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Announcements

Offering/Offertory Hymn

Offertory Prayer

God of transformation, we give thanks for your continued promise To care for and sustain all of creation. Help us to follow your example, raising our concern and care for one another and all of creation. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Extinguishing the Candle

We extinguish the flame but carry the light in our hearts until we meet again. Amen.

Hymn VU 580 *Faith of Our Fathers (vs 1&2)*