Aaron Johnson based this painting on James Weldon Johnson’s poem, “The Creation”. In the poem, God steps out on open space; spangles the night with moon and stars; claps hands so the thunder rolls; raises an arm so that birds split the air with their wings; scoops up clay from a river bed “like a mammy bending over her baby” and breathes the breath of life into the clay, creating human beings.

TO OUR GUESTS - WELCOME - THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY!
All spiritual seekers who are searching for an approach to faith that makes the most sense to them personally are welcome here! PLEASE NOTE: During the 10:30 worship service, we normally video-record the sermon for posting on You-Tube. Your image may be captured during recording.
To view sermons, go to You-Tube and then search for “St. Luke’s Episcopal Church Park City.”
In Need of Prayer or Home Communion?
St. Luke’s Prayer Ministers are available during the 10:30 AM service to pray with you. If you would like a name added to our Prayer Chain or someone who needs Home Communion, contact Beckie in the Church Office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...............
THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY:
Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Scott, our Diocesan Bishop and for ALL the people and parishes in our diocese. Pray especially for Church of the Resurrection in Centerville. And for all people within the world-wide Anglican Communion; pray for the people & leaders of The Church of Canada.

OUR NATION & ITS LEADERS:
Our government leaders that they may live & work in a spirit of calm reason & cooperation on behalf of the common good.

THOSE WHO ARE FACING SUFFERING & HARDSHIP:
Robert++++ (husband of Iris Thompson), Rita++++ (Baden), Alexa++++ (granddaughter of Deedee Sihvonen), Jennifer++++ (Strachan) Tom+++ (brother of Joe Cordery) Kaylee & Lisa ++++ (friends of Beckie Raemer) Peter+++ (VanHook) Rick ++++ (Giacoma) Randy++++ (brother of Beckie Raemer) Catherine & Peggy++++ (friends of Mary McEntire) Bob & Anne++++ (parents of Jane Hamilton) Matt++ (friend of Katherine Martz), Pam++ (Bro), John+ (son of Jim & Shelle Jennings) Sean & Jordan R. + (family of Charles & Bonnie) Jean & Jim+ (friends of Ed & Julie Fiscus)

THE HUMAN COMMUNITY AROUND THE WORLD:
Pray for the speedy and safe return of the hundreds of immigrant children who remain in government custody.
Pray for our nation and the whole human community that we may find the wisdom to live in greater respect and harmony with each other and our planet home.
For safety and recovery for all people effected by natural disasters throughout the world, especially the people of Puerto Rico, the Carolinas and Indonesia.
For healing for every soul captured by fear, bigotry and resentment. May we all develop the ability to see the Sacred in those most different from ourselves.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED……

PLEASE GIVE THANKS FOR.....
Our Rector, Charles Robinson and his family.

For those having Birthdays this week:
Jim Pignatelli and Cheryl Popple today; Anne Bransford on Thursday.

Our Parish Community Prayer list: ++ Please note that we will place a + after each name for each week the name is on our prayer list. After four weeks (++++) the name will be removed unless otherwise requested.
The Collect of the Day: There is a belief that is ancient yet lives to this day deep within us: we can only be the person we are through a commitment to difference and separation. We pray for the capacity to see clearly our need for one another and for the wisdom to recognize that there is much to be gained by affirming our essential unity with all living things: with Jesus our Brother, Teacher and Lord. Amen.

From the Hebrew Scriptures:
Our first lesson comes from the 2nd chapter of the Book of Genesis. It is the ancient story about how men and women became men and women. It contains good news and not so good news. The not so good is the patriarchy in the story; woman is derived from man, therefore, man is primary and woman is secondary. The good news is its vision of unity with a seed of potential for equality with respect to status and power. Please read with me by reading the parts in bold print…….The Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.

The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. Here ends the reading.

From the Tao Tradition:
Interdependence is the basis for teachings which deny egoism and acquisitiveness while encouraging compassion and reciprocity. The Buddhist and Taoist understandings of causality link all beings into an interdependent whole of which the individual is but one part, and this is the basis for the attitude of no-self and the ethic of compassion. Each person is his neighbor; any distinction between myself as subject and the other as object is illusory. Please read with me the Tao tradition by reading the parts in bold print…….Thirty spokes share one hub to make a wheel. Through its not-being, There being (you) the use of the carriage.

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Mold clay into a vessel. Through its not-being, There being the use of the vessel. Cut out doors and windows to make a house. Through its not-being, There being the use of the house. Therefore in the being of a thing, There lies the benefit; In the not-being of a thing, There lies its use. Here ends the reading.

Form the Christian Gospels: Mark 10:2-16
Priest: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.
Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Offertory Sentence:
Priest: My brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, when you come to the Table of the Lord, come not only to receive the presence of the Lord, but also to give your life completely to Him. As Jesus said, the Greatest Commandments are these:

People: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

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The stereotype of Roman Catholicism is that it is highly authoritarian and theologically rigid and narrow, but just like most stereotypes, this one is a caricature rather than an accurate description of reality. One example is Franciscan spirituality which encompasses a rich array of ways of thinking and ways of living. An within the Franciscan tradition we find John Duns Scotus (d. 1308). He was one of the most important theologians in medieval times and gave us an enlivening theology of the Incarnation and God’s presence in the world.

For Scotus, the process of thinking theologically is dynamic: you may start by shaping how you think which influences how you see which changes how you live; at another point it may be life experiences that are the catalyst for shifting how you think and how you see. In other words, spiritually involves a kind of ongoing interaction or dance between the intellect and personal experience. Franciscan tradition recognizes this dance and, therefore, has produced ways of viewing God and God’s action in history are both orthodox with other parts of Christian theology and yet, at the same time, feature a different set of emphases. Whereas Christianity has often overemphasized “the stain of original sin,” St. Francis lived, preached and wrote about the many ways that creation is good and the life we have been given is a joyous opportunity. Fr. Richard Rohr OFM, a contemporary widely acclaimed author, names the Franciscan way an “alternative orthodoxy” with its different set of emphases while not trying to fight about doctrines.

The Franciscan tradition deliberately chooses to recognize and celebrate the goodness of God and all of God’s creation. Creation is the outpouring of God’s love into the universe. Creation reveals to us God’s love for us and God’s beauty (which is why Franciscans call creation “the mirror of God” and teach that God has two books of creation—Sacred Scripture and the creation itself). And faith and confidence in the essential goodness of God has implications for the Incarnation and the Church’s understanding of the meaning of salvation. God became incarnate, that is, Ultimate Reality took on human form in the person of Jesus, according to Franciscan theology, not because the world is full of sin, but in order to transform the world into a communion of love centered in Christ. Scotus wrote that the Incarnation was part of the plan all along. The creation of the physical universe was a prelude to much fuller manifestation of divine love, compassion and goodness in the person and life of Jesus.

From a more positive way of thinking about God and creation, we can see the world from a different consciousness. Francis and the Franciscans honored the world around them and were ignited in praising God from their experiences. They did not split the world into that which is profane and that which is holy, but could see God in the dirt and the worms, in the suffering of life, and in the leper. The Franciscan way of seeing moves us away from dividing up the world in the good and the bad which, as Sr. Ilia Delio says, is “always capable of identifying God’s absence, but rarely consistent in affirming God’s presence in everything that is.” Francis was able to see God imbedded in a marvelously interconnected world with God as the source of each and everything. He saw the world in universal kinship, with the moon, the water, and the birds as his sisters and the sun and the wolf as his brothers.

“My soul in an excess of wonder cried out: ‘This world is pregnant with God!’ Wherefore I understood how small is the whole of creation - that is, what is on this side and what is beyond the sea, the abyss, and everything else - but the power of God fills it all to overflowing.”- Angela of Foligno

Broadly, the Franciscan way is to live knowing that all of creation is the place to encounter God. And this includes our pets who become members of our family and who are precious to us. In our relationship with them, we glimpse the Sacred and we have a sense of the inherent goodness of all things. And if we nurture and pay attention to this goodness, we are transformed, changed for the better and made whole. Concrete manifestations of having encountered the Sacred involve living more simply on the earth and with other people in order truly experience and savor God’s gift of life. The things of this world are God-like just as they are and reveal Love to us in their specificity.

Therefore, to deepen our relationship to Love Itself we need regular, attentive contact with the world in its simple, humble state. The world is full of signs of Love’s presence telling us what we need to hear through the bits and pieces we encounter each day. In an ongoing way we are converted to a life of love, courage and generosity through God’s daily work inside and outside of us.

Francis’ first biographer, Thomas of Celano, describes the way of Francis like this: “Who could ever express the deep affection Francis bore for all things that belong to God? Or who would be able to tell of the sweet tenderness he enjoyed while contemplating in creatures the wisdom, power, and goodness of the Creator? From this reflection he often overflowed with amazing, unspeakable joy as he looked at the sun, gazed at the moon, or observed the stars in the sky.”

Let us celebrate and enter into the spirituality of Francis and the Franciscan tradition today as we give thanks for one another, for our pets and their presence in our lives and for the beauty and goodness of all of creation. Blessings!

Source: https://franciscanaction.org/earthcorps/spirituality

Blessings,

Fr. Charles+
The Feast of St. Francis Blessing of the Animals
Today at 10:30

St. Luke's will have
a special outdoor service and celebration of the Feast of St. Francis.
at our Snyderville (4595 N. Silver Springs) location.

There will be a brief outdoor liturgy in the parking lot
An opportunity for your pet(s) to receive a priestly blessing
Snack foods and beverages
Games for the kids
Lots of time for conversation and socializing with friends and neighbors

Bring your pet(s) [on leash or caged] or a picture of your pet(s) + the
kids + the whole family!

Invite all of your friends and neighbors.
Nursery services for infants up to age 4
Bring your favorite lawn chair if desired

For more info, call the Church Office at
435-649-4900
CONSIDERING JOINING THE ST. LUKE'S COMMUNITY? JUST WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH? Our rector would be delighted to make an appointment to meet with you. He will do his best to answer your questions and to help you to feel welcomed and included at St. Luke's. When you are ready to have a conversation, just let him know at either: pastor@stlukespc.org or 435-901-2131.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE: You will find info about our church and what to expect when you visit. www.stlukesparkcity.org. There is information about our missions, finances and programs. You can view previous sermons through a link to YouTube on your phone or home computer. Go to YouTube, St Luke’s Episcopal Church Park City, UT.

AUTUMN GOSPEL GROUP FOR WOMEN 50ish & UP: Autumn Gospel meets the fourth Saturday morning of each month from 10 to noon, in members' homes. We use books as a springboard to share and discuss our own spiritual journeys at this stage of our lives. Beginning on October 27th we will begin reading "Character is Destiny: Inspiring Stories Every Young Person Should Know and Every Adult Should Remember" by John McCain and Mark Salter (2005). Please join us for coffee, fellowship and a lively discussion! For more info please call Nancy Conrow, 435-640-0556 or nancy.conrow@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S GATHERING: We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. Please bring a drink or a dish to share. Our October 9th gathering will be at the cabin of Anne Lane. To get to cabin:
Take highway 40 south from Park City to Heber City. At the 3rd. stop light, turn left from Main Street onto Center St. (Zions Bank & Wells Fargo will be on the corner). Go approximately 8 miles. Entrance to Timber Lakes Estates will be on your right. At the gate tell the guard you are visiting Anne Lane lot #838 Lake Pines Dr. Once through the gate stay left as that will be Lake Pines Dr. Anne’s A-frame log cabin is not quite a mile from the gate, it sits in the middle of 3 acres. A log fence runs along property & driveway. An American flag hangs from the upper deck. Join us!

CENTERING PRAYER: Meets Friday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Library. Please join us in this contemplative practice of Holy Silence.

THE COMMUNITY GARDEN IS COLLECTING YOUR RAKED UP LEAVES: If you have some raked up leaves Hospitality Grounds Community Garden wants them. Please just leave them inside of the fence at the garden anytime.

ST. LUKE’S CARE GUILD: If you or someone you know has any requests or needs, please contact Katherine at katherinemartz@comcast.net or Harriet, harriettstephens@gmail.com, (435) 655-1888.

A COURSE IN MIRACLES: Our ACIM (A Course in Miracles) Study Group meets in the St. Luke's Library at 4:00 on Wednesday afternoons. If you would like to join us, call or text Ann Fiery for additional information, 304-617-5714.

HELP NEEDED: The toy train table in the nursery is in need of re-assembling. If you are up to this very needed task, please contact Bonnie Brown.

HOW JESUS BECAME GOD: This class meets each Tuesday at 6:30 PM in the vestry room. All are welcome. For more info, contact Charles +

TAI CHI: Tai Chi will meet at the regular time on Wednesdays for current or past students only. New student enrollment is closed until spring.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY: The current study will be ending on October 10th. We meet Wednesdays in the library at 6:30 pm. If you would like to join the group please talk to Mary Parsons.

IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING: The rummage table has been on hiatus during renovations. We have a temporary fall-themed table in the fellowship area, but could use more items. Any fall themed contributions are welcome! Bring your items and place them under the table. Donation receipts are available from Beckie in the office. All proceeds go to support St Luke's ministries and mission fund. Thank you for your support!

HALLOWEEN COSTUMES: The Road Home is collecting halloween costumes, used or new, sizes fit for children of all ages and small to medium adults. Please bring costumes to the church anytime before October 28th. The costumes will be gathered and delivered by Theresa McMillan. For questions contact Theresa at 678-575-3781 or teresa.b.mcmillan@gmail.com.

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