



# The Haydenville Congregational Church

*Open Hearts • Open Minds • Open Doors*

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## September 27, 2015 • 10:00 am

**Prelude** Jeff Olmsted

**Welcome** Pastor Chris

**Introit** "God be in my head" music by Jeff Olmsted

**Gathering Hymn\*** "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Chalice Hymnal #61

**Opening Words** Pastor Chris (see insert)

**Children's Message** Pastor Chris  
Singing the Children to "The earth is our mother"  
Children's Church

**Offering** Pastor Andrea  
Invitation and Dedication

Anthem "The Blue Green Hills of Earth" by Kim Oler

Doxology\* **Traditional:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen  
**Inclusive:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Scripture Reading** Barbara Walvoord

Genesis 1:24-31 **One Voice:** For the word of God in Scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us,  
**All Voices:** Thanks be to God.

Sung Response\* "Gloria Patri" Chalice Hymnal #35, (please feel free to change words to be more inclusive, or sing any words you prefer)

**Sermon** "Dominion VS Stewardship" Pastor Chris  
Community Response Time

**Prayers of the People** Pastor Andrea  
Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer (please use the version of the Lord's Prayer you are most comfortable with) *Our Mother/Father/Creator 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

**Taizé Response** “Gloria 3” Taizé Songbook p.38, Hymn #16 (verse 1)

**News of the Community** Pastor Chris

**Closing Hymn\*** “For the Beauty of the Earth” Chalice Hymnal #56, verses 1, 2, 4

**Benediction\*** Pastor Chris

**Postlude** Jeff Olmsted

## ***Our Worship is Over - Now our Service Begins***

*\* Please rise if you are comfortable doing so.*

### **Genesis 1:24-31**

24 And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. 25 God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

27 So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” 29 God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. 31 God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

*~New Revised Standard Version*

### **Today’s Worship Service Leaders**

**Deacons of the Month:** Carolyn duBois and Shirley Sicurello

**Trustee of the Month:** Sylvia Fappiano

**Ushers:** Sharon Grace, Barbara Walvoord, Bev Orluske, and Al Neal

**Greeters:** Barbara Dreyer, Chris Perry, and Norma Kellogg

**Children’s Church Teachers:** Jessica LaCroix, Jen Miller-Antill, Karen Guiel, Maureen Ricksgrers, and Andrew Geery

**Youth Group Classroom Assistants:** Lexi Fappiano-Whalen and Sarah Guiel

**Baby & Toddler Church:** Ileana Fournier

**Welcome to our time of worship together** • You are invited to light a candle at the front of the Sanctuary for a loved one, for yourself, or for anyone who needs a special prayer.

**Options for Children and Youth at Church** • Infants to age 3, we provide childcare upstairs in our nursery. If you would like to stay with your child in worship, and need a quiet option, our Narthex (foyer) has a safe and comfortable place to play, with the service piped in on a speaker. Children from preschool through 5th grade are invited to Children’s Church. Older youth are invited to be classroom assistants. All children, regardless of age, are welcome to remain in worship with their adults.

**Church Leadership:** Ministers *All of us* • **Rev. Dr. Andrea Ayzavian** Senior Pastor • **Rev. Chris Mereschuk** Associate Pastor; Co-Head Shepherd; Director of Children’s, Youth, and Family Ministries • **Jeff Olmsted** Minister of Music • **Julie Salzman** Head Usher • **Rev. Dr. Peter Ives** Theologian-in-Residence • **Jan Varnon** Council Moderator • **Lynn Fogg** Council Vice Moderator • **Ann Loomis** Clerk • **Karen Guiel** Chair, Diaconate • **Rick Turner** Chair, Trustees • **Sue Carbin** Church Scheduler • **Jo Cannon** Treasurer • **Margie Serkin** Church Administrator • **Kathy O’Connor** Sexton • **Andrew Geery** Chair, Children’s and Family Ministries • **Laine Wilder** Chair, A2A • **Doug Renick** Chair, Peace and Justice Steering Committee • **Jennifer Clarson** Coordinator, Angel Take-out • **Jackie Cloonan** Coordinator, Snow Angels and Green Angels, and President, Ladies Aid • **Vicki Hicks** Coordinator, Angel Hands • **Nancy Winninger** Coordinator, Angel Wings • **Linda Ziegenbein** Coordinator, Interfaith Cot Shelter • **Carole Bull** Co-Head Shepherd • **Shirley Sicurello** Chair, Welcome Ministry • **Laura Paul** Church Librarian • **Laura Garcia** Webmaster • **Richard Spencer** “CrossCurrents” Editor

***A prayer for our earth (Unison)***

All-powerful God,  
you are present in the whole universe  
and in the smallest of your creatures.  
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.  
Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
that we may protect life and beauty.  
Fill us with peace, that we may live  
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.  
O God of the poor,  
help us to rescue the abandoned  
and forgotten of this earth,  
so precious in your eyes.  
Bring healing to our lives,  
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,  
that we may sow beauty,  
not pollution and destruction.  
Touch the hearts  
of those who look only for gain  
at the expense of the poor and the earth.  
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation,  
to recognize that we are profoundly united  
with every creature  
as we journey towards your infinite light.  
We thank you for being with us each day.  
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and  
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Amen.

*From Pope Francis's "Praised Be' On Climate Change"  
encyclical, p. 178-179*

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