



**A Service of Worship for Children's Sabbath and
the Blessing of the Animals
Whitefish United Methodist Church
October 2, 2011**



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Bless your Creator all animals of the land.

People: Let us praise and glorify our Creator together.

Leader: Bless your Creator, all birds of the air.

People: Let us praise and glorify our Creator together.

Leader: Bless your Creator, all creatures of the sea.

People: Let us praise and glorify our Creator together.

Leader: Bless your Creator, all children of God.

People: Let us praise and glorify our Creator together.

GREETING

These are the days that have been given to us; let us rejoice and be glad in them.

These are the days of our lives; let us live them well in love and service.

These are the days of mystery and wonder; let us cherish and celebrate them in gratitude together.

These are the days that have been given to us; let us make of them stories worth telling to those who come after us.

-William R. Murry

PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

OPENING SONG "Rise, Shine"

CHILDREN'S TIME "How Did the Animals Help God?"

PSALM 148

No. 861

TIME OF PRAYER

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

"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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

SONG: "All Creatures of Our God and King" Francis of Assisi No. 62

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 11:25-30

MESSAGE: "They Keep Us"

HOLY COMMUNION

God's invitation is a gift to each of us regardless of age or membership. After you have received communion please proceed outside and gather animals for blessing.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

