

# A SERVICE FOR THE BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Gathering & Welcome

Pastor James Bowman Harris

HYMN - All Creatures of Our God and King

SCRIPTURE - Psalms 8

## PRAYER

God created us and placed us on the earth to be stewards of all living things, therefore let us proclaim the glory of our Creator, saying:

**All: O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.**

Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe; you create the animals and give us the ability to train them to help us in our work.

**All: O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.**

Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe; you give us food from animals to replenish our energies.

**All: O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.**

Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe; for the sake of our comfort you give us domestic animals as companions.

**All: O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.**

Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe; you care for us even as you care for the birds of the air.

**All: O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.**

Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe; you offered your Son to us as the Passover lamb and in him willed that we should be called your children.

**All: O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.**

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

PASTOR JAMES

**(Please form a social distanced line to come forward with your pet or item representing your pet for the blessing.)**

Bless, O Lord, this (these) creature(s), and fill our hearts with thanksgiving for its (their) being.

## HYMN - I Sing the Almighty Power of God

### BENEDICTION

May God, who created the animals of this earth,  
continue to protect and sustain us all,  
now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

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## Animal Blessing

**Saturday, October 17, 2020**

