

Liturgy Notes for the week of October 29, 2017

Liturgy: The Work of the People

Friends and strangers, passionate believers, hopeful skeptics: All are welcome as full participants or thoughtful observers.

If you are visiting, you'll find a card in the pew pocket explaining our liturgy. Fill out the back side and drop it in the basket to keep in touch.

This Week's Reading

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."

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

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." 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. 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.

— *Genesis 1:26-31*

NOTES

See You Throughout the Week

- Lunch Today: Mandola's in the Triangle

Community Group Discussion Guide

Community Groups are "Families on Mission."

Learn more at AustinMustardSeed.org/CommunityGroups.

Use this guide to facilitate discussion in your group and in personal reflection.

Check-in

Always begin by checking in. This is a time for everyone in the group to speak briefly. You may choose to always use the basic check-in question "what was one high point and one low point from your past week?" or come up with an "icebreaker" of your own.

Sermon Synopsis // What does it mean to be created in the image of God?

While we recognize that God is the creator, we also see that humans were given a special place in creation as those who bear the image of God. What does it mean for humans to be represent God in creation in this way? How does our understanding of this "Imago Dei" help us form an understanding of sin?

Discussion Questions

1. John described the image of God as being both an understanding of human nature and human vocation. How do you understand the difference between these two?
How do they complement each other in giving us a fuller picture of what it means to be created in the image of God?
2. What is an area where you recognize you still have need to grow into your true human nature as one created in the image of God?
3. How do you understand your part, your vocation, in God's ongoing work of creation in the world?
4. Describe a time someone called you toward the Imago Dei.
Did you receive it well, or did it take time for you to see the invitation in what they had to say?
5. What would it look like for our community group to continually be calling out the image of God within each of us?