

Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center Sunday

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THE LESSON – Book of Genesis [1:1-2:2, abridged]

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In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night.' God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth.' So God created every living creature with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth.' God made everything that creeps upon the ground. And God saw that it was good. 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,' 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 saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. The Word of the Lord.

1. Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! * how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

- 2.The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; * he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3.He heals the brokenhearted * and binds up their wounds.
- 4.He counts the number of the stars * and calls them all by their names.
- 5. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; * there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6.The Lord lifts up the lowly, * but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; * make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8.He covers the heavens with clouds * and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9.He makes grass to grow upon the mountains * and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10.He provides food for flocks and herds * and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11.He is not impressed by the might of a horse; * he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12.But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, * in those who await his gracious favor.
- 13. Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; * Praise your God, O Zion;

The Gospel – Mark [4:26-32]

Abraham Masunzo BCH Camp Staff

Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection The Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates

Song Mark Randles

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

Prayers of the People

Allegra Robinson BCH Camp Staff

I. We pray for the Church and Camps around the World during this time that does not allow us to gather safely to do what we do best. We ask that you bring us together by your Spirit of hope.

We Pray to you Lord Christ.

Kyle Carl BCH Camp Staff

II. We pray for the people of the United States and for all those who are making difficult and life changing decisions during this time of pandemic, that they may know your love and make the best choices for the safety of all people.

We Pray to you Lord Christ.

Jaeda Hamel BCH Camp Staff

III. We pray for those whose voices would have filled our camp with laughter, singing, and squeals of joy; whose feet would have walked our trails and kicked our soccer balls, whose hands would have paddled boats and aimed arrows, whose bodies would have climbed to new heights and rested in our cabins after a long day of enjoying your creation. That they can find you, God, in the creation around their homes and be kept safe during this time apart. We pray for all campers, staff, and parents and for all camps that will be closed this summer.

We Pray to you Lord Christ.

Michael Fenn BCH Camp Staff

IV. In this uncertain time, we give thanks for the continued mission of the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center to open its doors and spaces to the first responders and those on the frontlines of protecting our local community.

We Pray to you Lord Christ.

Tina Seng

V. We pray for all those who suffer from illness, grief, or loss of resources, and those in any trouble. We ask you God, to care for all those who would have enjoyed our space during these summer months, bring them your joy in the happy memories they have made, and your hope for new memories to come in the years ahead.

We Pray to you Lord Christ.

Charlie Groves BCH Camp Staff

VI. We pray for all who have died during this pandemic from COVID-19 or other causes. We especially give thanks and offer our prayers for our own namesake Bishop Barbara C. Harris. That her legacy will be carried on by all those who engage with our center, and that she, and all who have died, may rest in peace and rise in glory.

We Pray to you Lord Christ.

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