

Blessing of the Animals

Farmingdale United Methodist Church
Sunday, October 4, 2026, 1 p.m.

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## **Gathering and Greeting**

## **Opening Prayer**

## **Readings from Scripture**

Genesis 9:8-13

Psalms 104:1a, 10-30, 35b, responsively

## **Song**

All creatures of our God and king,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

God made the hamster and the dog  
God made the cat, the bird, the frog  
Sing praises! Sing praises!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God for deer and fox  
For eagles, sparrows, and for hawks  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

For the giraffe, for the baboon  
For manatees and for raccoons  
Sing praises! Sing praises!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship God in humbleness  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Our lives are blessed by pets we love;  
So we sing thanks to God above.  
Sing praises! Sing praises!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **Blessing of the Animals, one by one**

## **Benediction**

***Psalm 104:1a, 10-30, 35b***

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

**O Lord my God, you are very great.**

You make springs gush forth in the valleys;

**they flow between the hills, giving drink to every wild animal;**

the wild asses quench their thirst.

**By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation;**

they sing among the branches.

**From your lofty abode you water the mountains;**

the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

**You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use,**

to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart,

**oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.**

The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly,

the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.

**In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees.**

The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the coney.

**You have made the moon to mark the seasons;**

**the sun knows its time for setting.**

You make darkness, and it is night,

when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.

**The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.**

When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens.

**People go out to their work and to their labor until the evening.**

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all;

**the earth is full of your creatures.**

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there,

living things both small and great.

**There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.**

These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

**when you give to them, they gather it up;**

**when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

**when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

When you send forth your spirit, they are created;

and you renew the face of the ground.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!**

"Obadiah, may you be blessed in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May you and Rick and Cathy enjoy life together and find joy with the God who created you."

or this

"Delilah, may you be blessed in the Name of God who created you, and may you and Carrie enjoy life together with our God."

Obadiah and Delilah are our dog and cat, respectively.