



THE CREATURE PREACHER

Rev. Jaime Nieves Pet & Animal Funeral Officiant

*“No heaven will not ever
heaven be. Unless my
cats are there to
welcome me.”*

- Anonymous

*“Dogs are not our whole
life, but they make our
lives whole.”*

- Roger Caras

In the First Creation Story found in Genesis 1:20-25, we read about God giving life to all the world’s beautiful creatures: four-(and more)-legged, winged, creeping, and crawling. And afterward, “God saw that it was good” (Genesis 1:25b).

Then, in the Second Creation Story (Genesis 2:18-19), “[The] Lord God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.’ So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.”



Even though Eve ended up being the “chosen partner,” God’s **first choice** were animals! And it’s no wonder— because animals are wonderful helpers and companions for countless people! Beyond that, I believe that everything in God’s magnificent Creation is interconnected with, and interdependent upon each other.

As **The Creature Preacher**, I honor, value, and celebrate the lives of ALL animals! I hold their vital and sacred presence in God’s Perfect Plan for Creation - and our lives - with the utmost respect, awe, and love.

**Have you recently lost a pet?
Or are you sadly anticipating the death of a pet?**

If so, please let me help you! I would be very honored to officiate your pet’s funeral (actually, I prefer to think of them as *Celebration of Life services*), and walk with you during your time of great loss and pain.

- ◆ Your pet’s service can be at your home, a field, a church... wherever!
- ◆ We can decide on the content of your pet’s celebration together!
- ◆ Friends & family who would like to participate are welcome to do so!
- ◆ All pets (including farm animals) deserve to have their lives celebrated!
- ◆ Memorial Services (without your pet’s physical body) are fine!
- ◆ No set fee (I’m happy with a love offering!)

Feel free to call or text me if you would like to discuss having a pet funeral, or if you would like more information:

Rev. Jaime Nieves
The Creature Preacher
Ojai United Methodist Church
120 Church Road
Ojai, CA 93023
(720) 210-4583

Web site and Grief Support Groups (for people who have lost their beloved pets) coming soon!