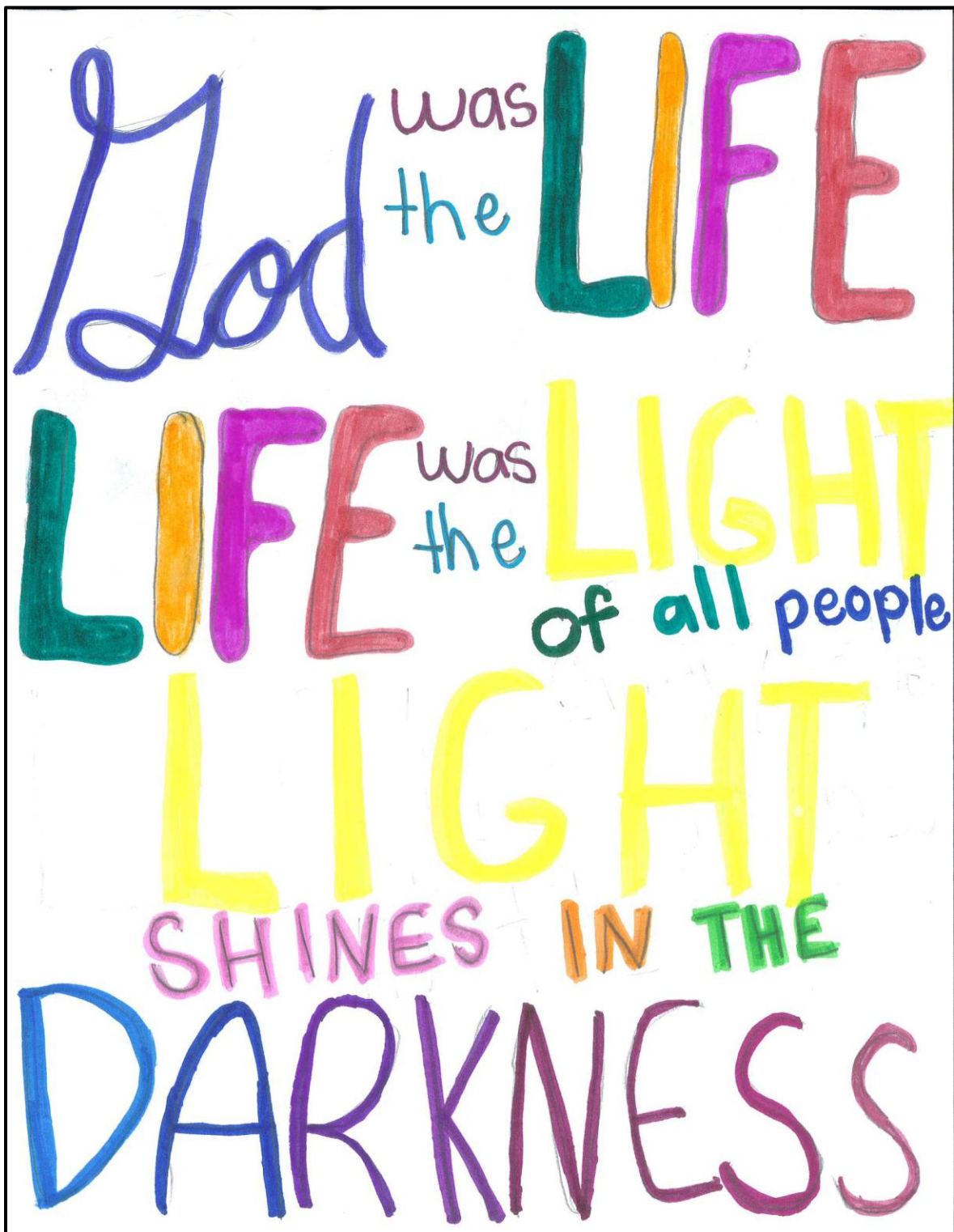




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Redeemer Lutheran Church

Creation in Christ

Sunday, September 6, 2026

GATHERING

Prelude: *Lord Jesus Christ Be Present Now*

- Paul Manz

Welcome to Worship

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Water! Water! We praise you, O God, for water —
the Des Moines, North, Middle, South rivers and Lake Ahquabi,
the rain that nourishes animals and plants,
the water for drinking and bathing.

We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for our water stories —
a flood that cleansed the earth,
the sea that drowned the enemy,
a river that healed leprosy.

We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for water.

We remember the waters of Jesus —
baptized in the Jordan River,
calming the Sea of Galilee,
drinking from Jacob's Well,
healing at the pool of Bethesda,
washing the disciples' feet.

We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for this font,
for through this water
you have birthed us into the family of Christ,
bathed us in forgiveness,
and enlivened us in the Spirit.

We praise you, O God, for baptism.

We praise you, O God, for baptism.

O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth.

O God, you are the River, saving us from death.

O God, you are the Fountain, granting us health and well-being. We praise you, O God, today, tomorrow, forever.

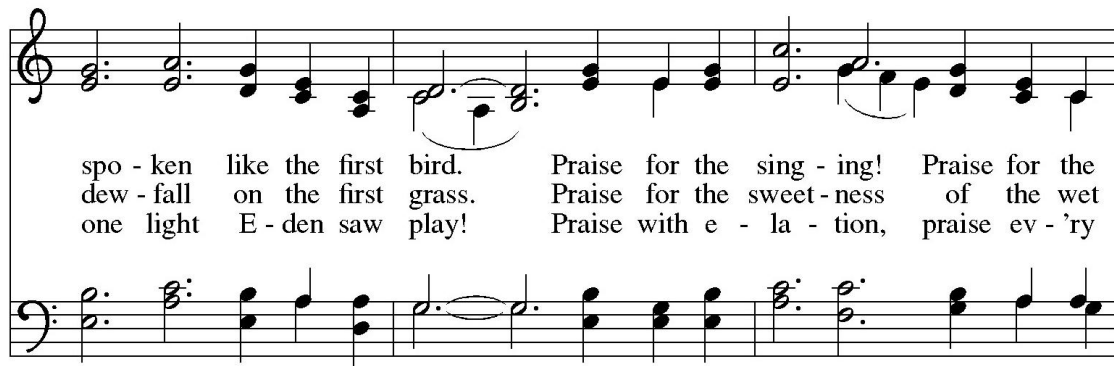
Amen, and amen. **Amen, and amen.**

Gathering Hymn: *Morning Has Broken*

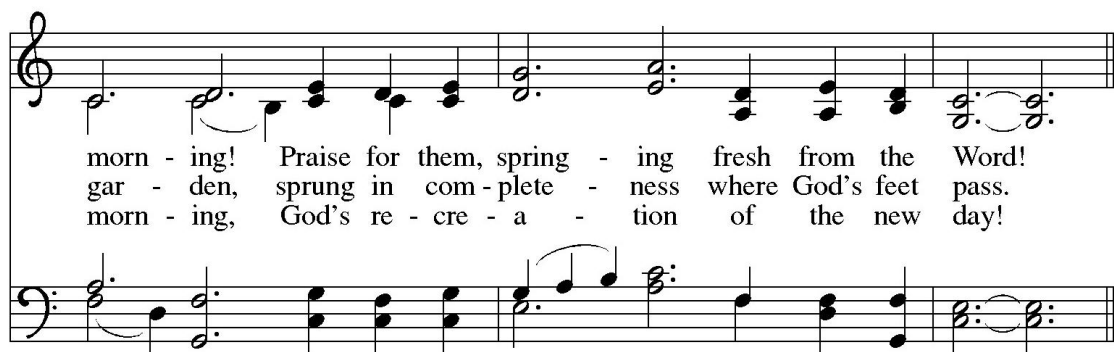
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1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Hymn of Praise



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

Prayer of the Day

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, in Christ you created the worlds, and your Spirit breathes life into the universe. We praise you for your wondrous creation. Bless us and

all your handiwork with your infinite light, and direct our lives to the care of this good earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Children's Sermon

Kari Borlaug

WORD

First Reading:

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ 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 it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humans 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.”

²⁷ So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ 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.” ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ 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. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a} These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 148

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the Lord¹ from the heavens;
praise God¹ in the heights.

² **Praise the Lord, ¹ all you angels;
sing praise, all you ¹ hosts of heaven.**

³ Praise the Lord, ¹ sun and moon;
sing praise, all you ¹ shining stars.

⁴ **Praise the Lord, heav- ¹ en of heavens,
and you waters a- ¹ bove the heavens.**

⁵ Let them praise the name ¹ of the Lord,
who commanded, and they ¹ were created,

⁶ **who made them stand fast forev- ¹ er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not ¹ pass away.**

⁷ Praise the Lord¹ from the earth,

you sea monsters ¹ and all deeps;
⁸ **fire and hail, ¹ snow and fog,**
tempestuous wind, do- ¹ ing God's will;
⁹ mountains ¹ and all hills,
 fruit trees ¹ and all cedars;
¹⁰ **wild beasts ¹ and all cattle,**
creeping things and ¹ flying birds;
¹¹ sovereigns of the earth ¹ and all peoples,
 princes and all rulers ¹ of the world;
¹² **young ¹ men and maidens,**
old and ¹ young together.
¹³ Let them praise the name ¹ of the Lord,
 whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over ¹ earth
 and heaven.
¹⁴ **The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise**
for all ¹ faithful servants,
 the children of Israel, a people who are near
 the Lord. ¹ Hallelujah!

Second Reading:

Acts 17:22a, 24-28

^{22a} Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ²⁴ “The God
 who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven
 and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is
 he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he
 himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one
 ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he
 allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places
 where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and
 perhaps fumble about for him and find him — though indeed he is
 not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and
 have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,
 ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’
 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel Reading:

John 1:1-5

The Holy Gospel according to John, the first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Divine Creating

Sermon Hymn: *Before the Waters Nourished Earth* ACS #1049

1 Be - fore the wa - ters nour - ished earth or night im -
 2 This Love re - mained as time re - vealed the loss of
 3 De - spair, so deep it bears no name, or sor - rows
 4 The Love that called cre - a - tion good all good - ness

ag - ined morn - ing, a Love con - ceived the
 E - den's glo - ry and, griev - ing, holds in
 par - a - lyz - ing can - not re - voke Love's
 still is bring - ing. This Love turns death a -

u - ni - verse and rev - eled in its form - ing.
 mem - o - ry each trag - ic hu - man sto - ry.
 faith - ful claim to dwell with - in our dy - ing.
 gain to life and si - lence in - to sing - ing.

Text: Jeannette M. Lindholm, b. 1961

Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish melody

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Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

We join with Christians far and near to worship God the Creator,
praying for the earth and for all in need, responding to each petition
with the words "Your mercy is great."

O God of mystery, mercy, and might, that churches around the
globe collaborate in care for the earth, and that we all hear your call
to care for creation. Hear us, O God, source of life:
Your mercy is great.

For the earth that our abundant world receive continued divine blessing, that air is wholesome, that water is plenteous and clean, that land is treasured, and that animals are protected. Show us each our role in healing what has been harmed. Hear us, O God, our creator:

Your mercy is great.

For the nations that farmers, herders, foragers, fishers, and grocers provide the food humans need, that legislators strive in all things for the common good, and that science and technology lead us toward more responsible ways to live. Hear us, O God, our stronghold:

Your mercy is great.

For our country that national parks, forests, and wildlife refuges be safeguarded, that all natural resources benefit the whole population, and that our children learn love and respect for nature. Hear us, O God, our guardian:

Your mercy is great.

For those in need that humankind be sheltered from pandemic and from extreme weather, and that all who are sick or suffering receive medical attention and communal support. Give heed to those whose names we call out to you especially Caden, Monica, Angie, Julianna, Erica, Pam, Barb, Richard, Denny, Donald, Keelyn, Barb and Donita. Hear us, O God, our healer:

Your mercy is great.

We praise you for all believers who have lived and died in communion with the earth. Grant that in your good time we join with all your creatures in your presence forever. Hear us, O God, the beginning and the end:

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, our maker and keeper, we commend ourselves and all whole creation, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

Offertory: *What Wondrous Love Is This*

- Paul Manz

As a response to God's goodness, Christians offer their gifts and their very lives to God. Your offering may be placed in the plates as they are passed by the ushers, or you may support the ongoing ministry of Redeemer by making your offering electronically, online from our website or through our Simply Giving program

Offering Prayer

O God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation.
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth
and bring forth its bounty.
Through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting
life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God, mighty and merciful,
Fountain of life and source of all goodness,
you formed the world in wonder and called it good.
Before our ancestors walked the earth,
before the first stories were told,
you shaped creatures great and small —
from the fierce Tyrannosaurus rex
to the plated Stegosaurus,
from the swift Utahraptor
to the towering Apatosaurus.
All of them praised you in their own ancient rhythms,
bearing witness to your boundless imagination.

When the ages shifted and the world changed, your love did not.
You breathed life into humanity
and called us into relationship with you and one another.
Though we turned from your ways, you remained faithful,
speaking through prophets, poets, and dreamers,
calling your people back to justice, mercy, and peace.

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus — your Word made flesh —
to dwell among us.
He healed the sick, welcomed the forgotten,
and proclaimed your reign of love.

On the night before he died,
our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his life, death, and resurrection,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Send your Spirit upon this meal
and upon your whole creation.

Renew the earth you shaped across the ages—
from the deep oceans where ancient creatures swam
to the forests and plains where new life grows today.
Make us faithful stewards of all you have made,
creatures among creatures,
joined in one great chorus of praise.

Gather your church from every time and place,
and bring us to your feast where all creation is restored,
and where we, with saints, ancestors, and even the great beasts of
old, rejoice in your eternal presence.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory are yours, Creating God,
now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen

Communion

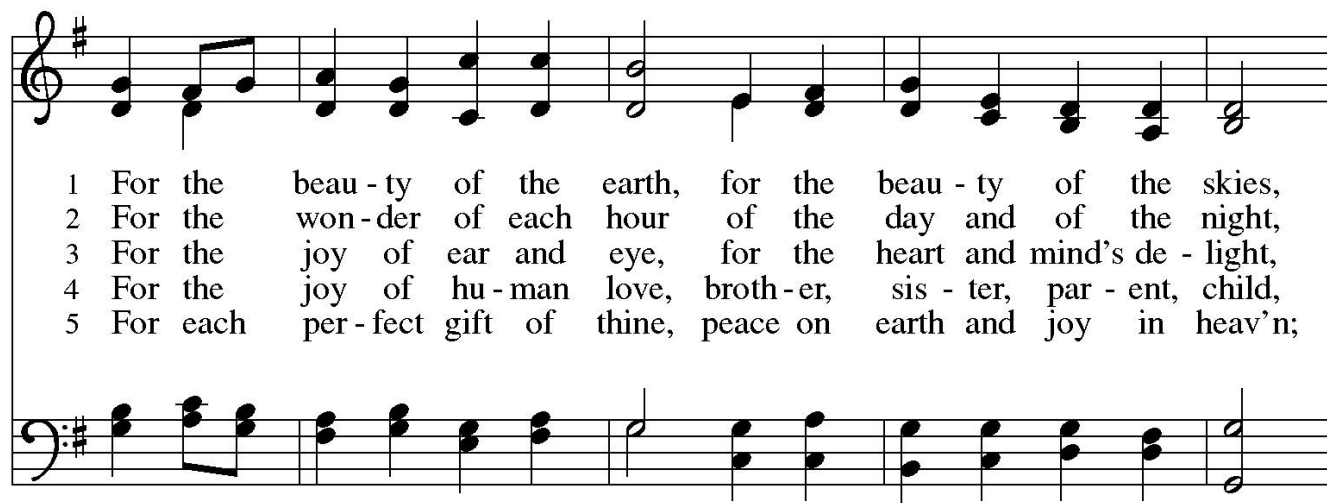
All are welcome at the Lord's table. We believe Jesus is truly present in the bread and the wine, and we invite all to partake of God's grace and forgiveness through Jesus' body and blood. If gluten-free bread is needed, please ask the server. White grape juice is available in the center rings of the tray. Please come forward at the direction of the usher. Children who are not yet communing may come forward for a blessing.

Be Known to Us

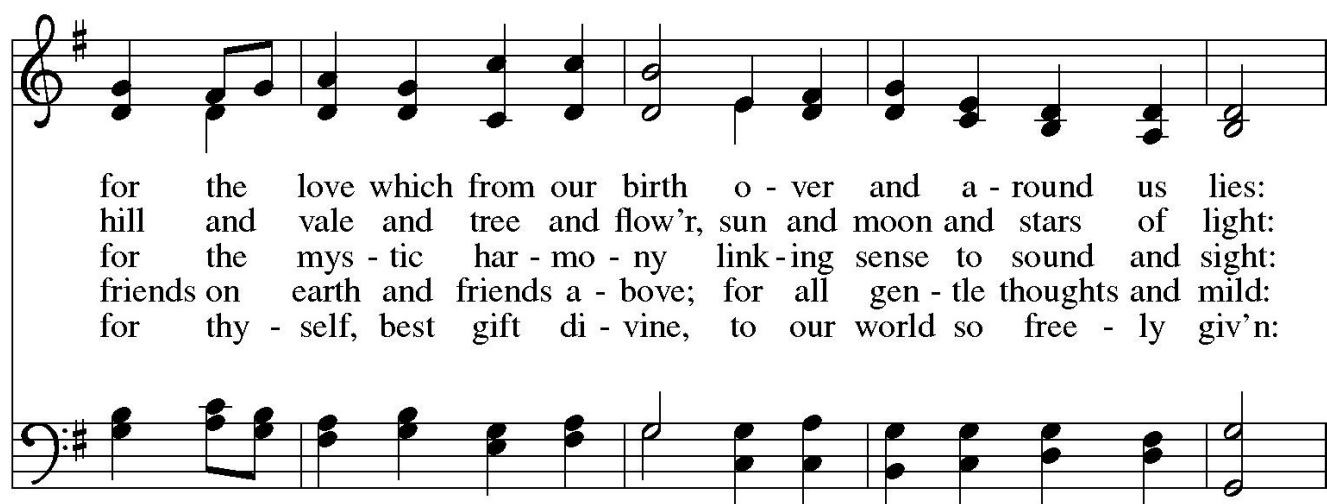


For the Beauty of the Earth

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1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.
 Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

Let All Things Now Living

#881



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
 2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.
 deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
 joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt.
 Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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Prayer after Communion

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.

Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ's body in the world,
bearing witness to your love for all creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

Benediction

Creator God bless you and keep you.

Creating Christ shine through you with grace and mercy.

Creative Spirit nourish you and give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: *This is My Father's World*

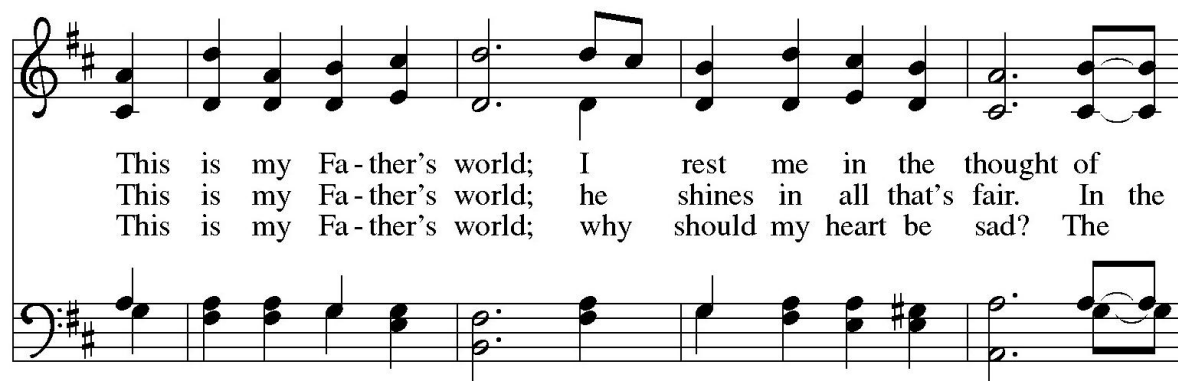
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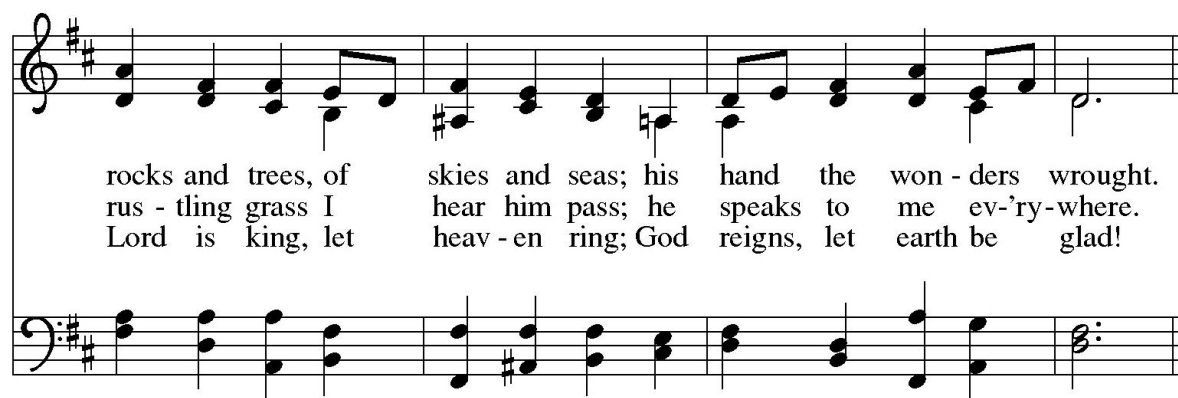
1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
 Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901
 Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.

Dismissal

Go in peace, one with creation.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Cornet Voluntary*

- John Travers

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