



CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION

July 26, 2026

10:00 am

GATHERING MUSIC

Simple Gifts

"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT*

"For Beauty of Meadows"

Simple Gifts

CALL TO WORSHIP* *(adapted from Psalm 36:5-10)*

*Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.*

*Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.*

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

**All people may take refuge in the shadow
of your wings.**

**For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.**

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

HYMN* *"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*

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Refrain:

**All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.**

**1 Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings.**

(Refrain)

**2 The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky:**

(Refrain)

**3 The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one.**

(Refrain)

**4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.**

(Refrain)

CONFESSION OF SIN* (UNISON)

O God, maker of heaven and earth, of all things:

**You place us in your creation, and you command us to
care for it, to treat it with praise and reverence. Where
we have degraded or destroyed earth's bounty, forgive
us. Where we have taken earth's beauty for granted,
have mercy upon us. Where we have become estranged
from the creatures with whom we share this planet,
grant us your peace. Renew us. Teach us to join in your
new creation. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

OFFERING OF MUSIC *"Bell of Creation"* Simple Gifts

OLD TESTAMENT – Genesis 1:1-2:4 (selected verses)

THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

World, brother, sister, Christian, World

SERMON

Linda Dickerson

"The Creation" – from God's Trombones

By James Weldon Johnson

OFFERING OF MUSIC *"Sunset's Song"* Simple Gifts

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE– Revelation 5:11-14

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.**

**2 By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration, a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE*

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**For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.**