



A Celebration of Creation!
July 24, 2022
Worship in the Park
Battle Creek Regional Park Pavilion

**East Side Church Collaborative Worship & Picnic
July 24, 2022
10:00 am**

Welcome to worship! May this time of gathering in Christian community bless you and enable you to be a blessing to others. Special welcome to newcomers in the name of Christ! We pray that our time of worship would give you the chance to offer your prayer and praise, hear anew the Word of God, and receive our Lord's presence in Holy Communion.

The order of worship, songs & many of the prayers, can be found in the worship bulletin.

Every Sunday we share Holy Communion. **All are welcome to the Lord's Table.** Communion today will be shared by individual disposable single servings. These are available to pick up as you enter the Pavilion or ask an usher. Both wine and juice are available.



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship - Hayden's "Creation"

Reading 1 Spark Children's Story Bible - Days 1 & 2 Light & Sky

Gathering Hymn # 771 "God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space;
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

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Reading 2 - Creation Days 3 & 4 Dry land, Plants, Sun, Moon, & Stars

Song - "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" and "Will the Circle be Unbroken"

Twinkle, twinkle, little star, how I wonder what you are.
Up above the world so high, like a diamond in the sky.
Twinkle, twinkle, little star, how I wonder what you are.

Will the circle be unbroken, by and by, lord, by and by.
There's a better world a-waiting, in the sky, lord, in the sky.

Reading 3 - Creation Days 5, 6, & 7 Animals, Humans, Rest

Song - "A Place in the Choir"

Refrain:

All God's critters got a place in the choir,
Some sing low and some sing higher
Some sing out loud on the telephone wires
And some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they got now.

Low voices:

Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom
Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus
Moans and groans with a big t'do
And the old cow just goes moo.
The dogs and the cats they take up the middle
While the honeybee hums and the cricket fiddles
The donkey brays and the pony neighs
And the old coyote howls **Refrain.**

High voices:

Listen to the top where the little birds sing
On the melodies with the high notes ringing
The hoot owl hollers over everything
And the jaybird disagrees
Singin' in the night time, singing in the day
The little duck quacks, then he's on his way
The 'possum ain't got much to say
And the porcupine talks to himself. **Refrain.**

All:

It's a simple song of living sung everywhere
By the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear
The grumpy alligator and the hawk above
The sly raccoon and the turtle dove. **Refrain.**

Reading 4 - Beauty of Creation: Adam & Eve, the Animals, Love, Peace, and Joy in the Garden

Hymn # 879 vs 1, 2, 5 "For the Beauty of the Earth"
For the Beauty of the Earth

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.



Statement of Faith - The Apostle's 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 the Church

Blessing of Travelers

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

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.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Distribution of Communion

Please see inside front cover of this bulletin for a note on receiving Holy Communion.

Distribution Music

"Gift of Love"

Hal Hopson



Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

**O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast,
the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve
all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Benediction

P: May Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Grace for Our Meal

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

He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the wind and the rain in his hands.
He's got the wind and the rain in his hands.
He's got the wind and the rain in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the little tiny baby in his hands
He's got the little tiny baby in his hands
He's got the little tiny baby in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got you and me, brother, in his hands
He's got you and me, brother, in his hands
He's got you and me, brother, in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got you and me, sister, in his hands
He's got you and me, sister, in his hands
He's got you and me, sister, in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got everybody here in his hands
He's got everybody here in his hands
He's got everybody here in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands.

Postlude

Worship Leaders

Officiating:

Rev. Karen Williams
Rev. Dr. Mitch Kinsinger
Per Halaas, Pastoral Intern

Music:

Kathleen Hollar, Keyboard
Russ Carlson, Vocals
Jan Steingas, Vocals

Joint Choir and Instrumentals

Thanks to all who helped today with the service and the picnic, etc. We hope you found this to be a fun and meaningful way to appreciate God's creation!



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