

# Outdoor Worship June 2, 2024

## CALL TO WORSHIP

God, as we gather together to worship you, we stand in awe of your creation.

**We see you in waters, fields and forests, in flowers, sun and rain.**

**Your creating Spirit is all around us.**

We see you in the beasts of the field, the birds of the air  
and the creatures of the sea.

**From the flowers of the valley to the mountaintops in the sky,**

We see your beauty all over the earth.

**Let us worship you, O God, for you are our Creator and Sustainer,  
our Redeemer and strength. Amen.**

God's creation dazzles us with all of its wonder. We have not always done our part to be good stewards of it. Let us confess before God the times we have missed the mark when it comes to our own lives as well as caring for creation, asking for guidance and will to do better with God's blessings.

*Silence for Reflection*

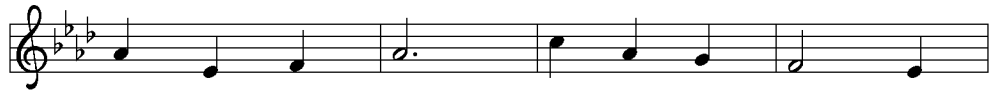
**Holy God: We come to you today acknowledging that life is not as you desire. Creation is broken. Relationships are broken. We are broken. But in the same breath we know that you make all things new. Today we pray that your presence would be felt in our brokenness. We ask that through your grace all of creation would once again be made whole. Amen.**

Hear the good news for today and all days:

the life, death, and resurrection of Christ covers all our iniquities.

Just as quickly as our sins were offered up, they have been forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

**GATHERING SONG: EARTH AND ALL STARS (NEXT PAGE)**



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!  
 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!  
 3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!  
 4 Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!  
 5 Knowl-edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!  
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Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!  
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!  
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!  
 Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!  
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



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*Refrain*  
 God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *Silence for Reflection*

Merciful Creator, your hand is open wide

to satisfy the needs of every living creature.

Help us care and nurture the fruitfulness of the land and the seas;

that your blessing and bounty may bless all,

down through the generations, and may we always give you thanks,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## READING: Genesis 1:1, 11–12, 29–31

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

In the beginning, there was a nothingness, a vast, watery chaotic emptiness, And God's Spirit moved like breath, like a bird above the watery abyss.

God said, "Let the earth produce every kind of living thing: livestock, crawling things, and wildlife." And that's what happened. <sup>25</sup> God made every kind of wildlife, every kind of livestock, and every kind of creature that crawls on the ground or inhabits the water or sky. God saw how good it was. Then God said, "Let us make humanity in our image to resemble us so that they may take charge and care of the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all the crawling things on earth."

God created humanity in God's own image,  
in the divine image God created them,  
male and female He created them.

By the seventh day God had finished his work, and so he rested. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, special and set apart, because on that day he rested from his creating work. The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God!**

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the rivers clap their hands;  
**let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD. Alleluia. (Ps. 98:7, 8)**

#### **A READING** from the Gospel of Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his followers: "Listen! I have something important to share with you: Don't stress about the about the food you need to live, don't be so anxious about the clothes you need for your body. Life is more than food. And you, your body and soul are about more than clothes. Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest, they don't have warehouses or barns: God feeds them! And you're worth much more than birds. You can't add any time to your life by stressing over it. And if that's true about the little things, it's true about the big things. <sup>27</sup> Think about how the lilies grow; they don't work or make clothes for themselves. Yet, even the wise, wealthiest king, Solomon, with all his elaborate royal robes was *not* dressed as beautifully as one of these flowers. God clothes the grass in the field, which is alive today but tomorrow is thrown into the fire. God will clothe you even more faithfully with what matters. Don't have so little faith! <sup>29</sup> Don't obsess about what you will eat or drink; let go of the worrying. All over the world people are trying to get these things, and your Father knows your need. Don't stress over food and clothes and stuff - seek God's kingdom, and all your other needs will be met as well.

"Don't fear, little flock, don't be afraid and anxious: your Father wants to give you the kingdom. Get rid of the stuff that controls you and causes you such anxiety. Give to the poor. Get for yourselves a treasure that will not wear out, the treasure in heaven that never runs out, where thieves can't steal and pests can't destroy. It'll be a blessing, because your heart will be where your treasure is.

This is the Gospel of our Lord! **Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### **TEACHING THE WORD (SERMON)**

**HYMN: HEAR THE SPIRIT OF CREATION (NEXT PAGE)**



1 Hear the Spir - it of cre - a - tion surg - ing through each root and vein,  
 2 With the Spir - it of cre - a - tion, we may fash - ion all things new,  
 3 Then with joy and ad - o - ra - tion gath - er chis - el, brush, and pen,



Source of soul-sprung in - spi - ra - tion, Word a - wak - ing heart and brain,  
 nour - ish hope and con - so - la - tion, look be - yond each nar - row view,  
 tools from ev - 'ry life's vo - ca - tion made to build, de - light, and mend.



rous - ing us to bold in - ven - tion, acts of beau - ty, love, and praise:  
 claim a clear, trans - form - ing vi - sion, tem - pered by hu - mil - i - ty,  
 Praise the Spir - it of cre - a - tion who sus - tains the work we tend;



faith re - vealed with - out pre - ten - sion, found in ges - ture, line, and phrase.  
 while we craft with love's pre - ci - sion all that grace has let us see.  
 join the soar - ing, glad o - va - tion; sound the hope - ful, loud A - men.

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As evident through all of creation, God has given freely to us.

Let us continue to worship through the giving of our tithes and our offerings.

*We bring our Tithes and Offerings to God.*

#### THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
 Praise God all creatures here below  
 Praise God above ye heav'nly hosts  
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost – Amen!**

#### PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION

Let us pray in thanksgiving for all God has given us, for all we have to give,  
 and the strength to be a blessing in the name of God through Christ Jesus.

*Silence for reflection*

For the gift of creation, the work of your hands;

For the gift of your Son and the presence of the Spirit,

**We give you thanks, O God, our loving parent.**

For the faith and hope that is ours, for the Word that lives in us:

**We give you thanks, Christ Jesus.**

For the community of the church, for our union with one another  
 across all boundaries, even life and death,

**We give you thanks, Holy Spirit.**

Creating God: You have given us the blessing of community,  
and the gift of family:

**Help us to honor, forgive, and care for one another.**

You have blessed us with the gift of creation,  
the fields and forests, waters, sea and sky, and all that is in them:

**Guide us to constant and faithful stewardship of all creation.**

You have blessed us with the harvest of orchard, garden and farm,  
waters and forest:

**Open our hearts and hands to all in need.**

Praise and thanks to you, holy God,  
for by your Word you made all things:  
you spoke light into darkness,  
called forth beauty from chaos,  
and brought life into being.

For your Word of life, O God,  
**We give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel  
to tell of your wonderful gifts:  
freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey,  
a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you.

For your Word of life, O God,  
**We give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh,  
you speak to us and call us to witness:  
forgiveness through the cross,  
life to those entombed by death,  
the way of your self-giving love.

For your Word of life, O God,  
**We give you thanks and praise.**

Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

We pray for what we need O God just as Jesus taught us:

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**HYMN: BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

**1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

**3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.**

**4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!**

Living God, send us out as a people that seek to  
honor you in all that we do,  
a people caring for creation  
a people working for justice for all your children  
a people walking in the way of Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us continue our worship with fellowship and feasting, and, when the time is come,  
go in peace to serve the Lord! The peace of the Lord be with you always! **And also with you!**

*Please share the peace as we transition from worship to fellowship!  
The Pavilion is ours for the remainder of the day - enjoy the picnic and the park!*

**THE JUNE WEB SITE** is sponsored by Bev and Chuck Maddux in Honor of their families.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** –The prayer list is printed in the newsletter and is posted on the bulletin board. In addition, please remember Kenneth G (H,St,R), bishop-elect Rev. Bryan Penman (Pr/C), George Kallenbach (P,St) and Al F (H,R). Please contact the church office, 215-766-8730 or e-mail, with any prayer needs. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless a new request is made.

**BLESSINGS BY THE BOX** – Thanks to your generosity we were able to assist 10 local Tincum Elementary families (a total of 45 people) facing food insecurity over the summer months by supplying them with Giant gift cards. We raised a total of \$2,585, approx. \$57 per person.

**The Week of June 2<sup>nd</sup> at a Glance**

Sun. 6/02 The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
10:00AM Outdoor Worship & Picnic, Peace Valley Park, Pavilion #5  
3-5PM Girl Scouts  
Happy Birthday, Alston Pownall!

Mon. 6/03 2:00PM Worship & Music Meeting  
Happy Anniversary, Joe & Nancy Thaler!

Wed. 6/05 11:00AM Ensemble Rehearsal  
Happy Anniversary, Lynn & Lori Westover!

Thur. 6/06 8:30AM Morning Prayer; 9:00AM Bible Study  
Happy Birthday, Briana Howsare!

Fri. 6/07 Office Closed, Pastor's Day Off

Sat. 6/08 Happy Birthday, Connie Kallenbach!

Sun. 6/09 The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
9:30AM In-Person and Live-Streamed Worship  
10:30AM Fellowship Period  
Parish Hall Reserved – Girl Scouts