

## We Dedicate Ourselves to Holy Living

\*Affirmation of Faith: Our World Belongs to God #8-10

In the beginning, God—Father, Word, and Spirit—  
called this world into being out of nothing, and gave it shape and order.

**God formed sky, land, and sea; stars above, moon and sun,  
making a world of color, beauty, and variety—  
a fitting home for plants and animals, and us—  
a place to work and play, worship and wonder, love and laugh.**  
God rested and gave us rest. In the beginning everything was very good.  
**Made in God’s image to live in loving communion with our Maker,  
we are appointed earthkeepers and caretakers  
to tend the earth, enjoy it, and love our neighbors.**  
**God uses our skills for the unfolding and well-being of his world  
so that creation and all who live in it may flourish.**

\*Song: “For the Gifts of Heaven”

**1. For the gifts of heav’n in the fields of earth, my soul will sing to the Lord.  
For the fruitful lands as they yield their worth,  
my heart gives thanks to Him.**

**We may plough the soil, we may plant the seed, but God will make it grow,  
and the harvest comes from the tender goodness of the Father’s hand.**

**2. As the trade winds blow over thirsty plains, my soul will sing to the Lord,  
and the storm clouds pour with reviving rains,  
my heart gives thanks to Him.**

**Every season whispers the mystery, the glorious rhythm of life,  
till the harvest comes from the boundless goodness of the Father’s hand.**

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## We are Sent with God’s Blessing

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: “My Friends, May You Grow in Grace”

LUYH 938

### Worship Participants

Pastor: Kory Plockmeyer ♦ Organ/Piano: Lois Vander Zee

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# Ordinary Time

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### Genesis 2:7

“Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.”

## God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

This is the day the that Lord has made;

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

God made the bright, warm sunshine and the freezing-cold snow.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

God made the little tiny flowers and the great big pine trees.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

God made the peaceful ponds and the crashing waves.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

God made the cornfields and the rocky mountains.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

God made the creeping caterpillars and kicking kangaroos.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

God made you, and God made me.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Come, let us praise God for making all things good!

\*Song: "Let All Things Now Living" LUYH 5

\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

\*Song of Praise: "For the Beauty of the Earth" LUYH 19: 1,2,4,5

## We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession (based on Psalm 139:23-24) p.975

Prayer of Confession

Wondrous God, who sets suns and moons above us,  
mountains and valleys beneath us, and friends and strangers among us:  
how often have we tried to hide from your presence,  
how seldom have we looked for your creating face and your fashioning hand!

**Lord have mercy upon us.**

Wondrous God, who took upon yourself flesh of our flesh in Jesus our brother,  
and being found in human form

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made the ultimate disclosure of yourself in the face of Jesus Christ:

how often we have forgotten you,

how seldom have we really loved and followed you!

**Lord have mercy upon us.**

Wondrous God, who pours out freely the Holy Spirit:

how often have we ignored your promptings,

how seldom have we asked for your help or accepted your gifts!

**Lord have mercy upon us.**

Sung Prayer of Confession: "O Christ, the Lamb of God" LUYH 630

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 103:8-14 p.939

## God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing: "Jesus Is Our King" (*chorus only*) LUYH 602

Children ages 3 years old through Kindergarten are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to receive a prayer of blessing before going downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Scripture: Genesis 2:4-25 p.3

Sermon: "The Relater" Pastor Kory Plockmeyer

\*Song of Response: "Lord, You Have Searched Me" LUYH 337:1,3,5

## We Offer Our Gifts and Prayers

Offertory Prayer

We Offer our Gifts

Each week at Covenant we receive a monetary offering to support the mission and ministry of the church. This morning's offering will support the Christian Education Fund which provides funds for the education of our children at one of our local Christian schools; this "fair share" contribution helps keep tuition down to a level that is affordable for most of our families.

We Share Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for One Another