

Rooted in Creation  
Sunday, September 15, 2024  
Season of Creation

Welcome and Announcements

Centring Music      This Little Light of Mine  
*Traditional Spiritual, arranged by Mark Hayes*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We gather as part of God's great diversity,  
**made in God's image, you and I.**  
We sing the Creator's love song of life,  
**giving voice to the sacred, deep in our hearts.**  
We embrace the Spirit who moves in and around us.  
**Holy Three, Holy One, we come together in worship.**

Opening Hymn    **Joy to the World**  
*Words and Music by Hoyt Axton*

1      God almighty did create us,  
to live in harmony,  
to live with love for others  
as our sisters and our brothers,  
to guard each other's dignity,  
to guard each other's dignity.

*Chorus*

Joy to the world,  
all the boys and girls.  
Joy to the fishes in the deep blue sea,  
joy to you and me.

2      Jesus Christ was sent to teach us,  
to live in God's sweet way.  
To care for all creation,  
spreading peace to ev'ry nation,  
To share our gifts with others each day,

*Chorus*

3      Holy Spirit came to lead us,  
to walk in love and grace.  
To treat our life as sacred  
thanking God for what we're made of  
And seeing Christ in each other's face,  
and seeing Christ in each other's face.

*Chorus*

*Bridge*      Joy to the world, all the boys and girls  
Joy to the world, all the boys and girls

*Chorus*

Morning Prayer

Loving God, we give thanks for the beauty of your Creation. We see the colours and wonder around that reflect your endless love and grace. As we gather this morning to worship you, may we also celebrate the many colours, stories, relationships and ministries in our community of faith. May your blessing be upon our worship today. Amen.

A Time to Wonder

Anthem    Consider Yourself

*Lionel Bart, arranged by Norman Leyden*

## Scripture Readings

Psalm 116:1-9  
Matthew 25: 31-40

## Choral Response

*Please Remain Seated*

### **Ancient Words**

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Holy words long preserved,  
for our walk in this world.  
They resound with God's own heart,  
oh, let the Ancient words impart.

Words of life words of hope  
Give us strength help us cope  
In this world where'er we roam  
Ancient words will guide us home

Ancient words ever true  
Changing me changing you  
We have come with open hearts  
O let the ancient words impart

## Reflection "The Colours of Creation"

## Hymn of the Day **My Love Colours Outside the Lines** (More Voices 138)

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1 My love colours outside the lines,  
exploring paths that few could ever find;  
and takes me into places  
where I've never been before,  
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines

2 My Lord colours outside the lines,  
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;  
and takes me into places,  
where I've never been before  
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

Bridge We'll never walk on water  
if we're not prepared to drown,  
body and soul  
need a soaking from time to time.  
And we'll never move the gravestones  
if we're not prepared to die,  
and realize  
there are worlds outside the lines.

3 My soul longs to colour outside the lines,  
tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;  
I want to walk beyond the boundaries,  
where I've never been before,  
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.

Bridge We'll never walk on water  
if we're not prepared to drown,  
body and soul  
need a soaking from time to time.  
And we'll never move the gravestones  
if we're not prepared to die,  
and realize  
there are worlds outside the lines.

## Invitation to Offering

God, as we bring our offerings before you, we ask for your guidance in fine-tuning our faith. Help us to trust you more deeply, to step out in faith, and to follow where you lead. May our giving today be an expression of our growing faith in you. Amen.

Offering Response *Please stand in body or spirit.*

**For the Gift of Creation**

(Voices United 538)

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For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,  
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,  
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.  
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.

Offering Prayer

Living, loving God, who models what love looks like, may you  
bless all that we give for your purpose in the world. In your  
blessing, may we become the model of what love is:  
unconditional and enduring. We pray in the name of your Son.  
Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn **Go Make a Difference** (More Voices 209)

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*Refrain*      Go make a difference.  
                  We can make a difference.  
                  Go make a difference in the world.  
                  Go make a difference.  
                  We can make a difference,  
                  Go make a difference in the world.

1      We are the salt of the earth,  
          Called to let the people see  
          the love of God for you and me.  
          We are the light of the world,  
          Not to be hidden but be seen.  
          Go make a difference in the world. *Refrain*

2      We are the hands of Christ  
          Reaching out to those in need,  
          The face of God for all to see.  
          We are the spirit of hope;  
          We are the voice of peace.  
          Go make a difference in the world. *Refrain*

3      So let your love shine on,  
          let it shine for all to see.  
          Go make a difference in the world.  
          And the spirit of Christ  
          will be with us as we go.  
          Go make a difference in the world. *Refrain*

Benediction

Let us go out to our ministries knowing that God is with us.  
**Where God leads, we go with confidence.**  
Let us go out to our discipleship in newness of life.  
**Where God sends, we go with faith.**

Postlude Triumphant Finale

*by Thomas Bliss*

Worship Leadership – Pastor Beth Parsons  
Music Leadership – Sharon Prindle-Collins and the CBU Choir  
and Glenn Parsons and the CBU Praise Band  
Welcome and Announcements – Stephen Godfrey  
Greeters – Marlo, Maelynn, and McKinley Taylor  
A Time to Wonder – Moira Dennis  
Spirit Kids – Moira Dennis and Gracie Cave  
Scripture Reading – Marlo Taylor  
Offering Invitation and Prayer – Clare Walker  
Technical Support – Karen Clark and Bill Walker  
Fellowship Time – Ethel Wilson Women’s Group  
Flowers for the service are offered by Lois Steeves in celebration of  
the lives of June and Tom McMahan.