

Rooted in Creation  
Sunday, September 8, 2024  
Season of Creation

Welcome and Announcements

Centring Music Come, Christians Join to Sing  
*Music anon., arranged by Mark Hayes*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Come, people of God, let us worship with joy and excitement.

**We have come to praise  
God's glorious name.**

Let us sing with enthusiasm, pray with openness  
and listen with anticipation – our God is with us!

**To God be the praise and glory!**

Opening Hymn **Come In, Come In and Sit Down**  
(Voices United 395)

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Refrain: Come in, come in and sit down,  
you are a part of the family.  
We are lost and we are found,  
and we are a part of the family.

1 You know the reason why you came,  
yet no reason can explain;  
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,  
for we are a part of the family. *Refrain*

2 God is with us in this place,  
like a mother's warm embrace.  
We're all forgiven by God's grace,  
for we are a part of the family. *Refrain*

3 There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;  
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.  
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,  
but we are a part of the family. *Refrain*

4 There's rest for the weary and health for us all;  
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.  
So come in and worship and answer the call,  
for we are a part of the family. *Refrain*

Morning Prayer

Anthem Singing on the Mountain

*Freely adapted from a traditional Gospel song  
New music, words and arrangement by Gerald Tolmage*

A Time to Wonder

Scripture Readings

Proverbs 22:1-2  
James 2:1-10, 14-17

Reflection "We are to be doers of the Word"

Hymn of the Day **It's a Song of Praise to the Maker**  
(More Voices 30)

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- 1 It's a song of praise to the Maker,  
the thrush sings high in the tree.  
It's a song of praise to the Maker,  
the gray whale sings in the sea,  
And by the Spirit you and I  
can join our voice to the holy cry  
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.
- 2 It's a call of life to the Giver  
when waves and waterfalls roar.  
It's a call of life to the Giver  
when high tides break on the shore,  
And by the Spirit you and I  
can join our voice to the holy cry  
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.
- 3 It's a hymn of love to the Lover;  
the bumblebees hum along.  
It's a hymn of love to the Lover;  
the summer breeze joins the song,  
And by the Spirit you and I  
can join our voice to the holy cry  
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.
- 4 It's a chorus of all creation;  
it's sung by all living things.  
It's the chorus of all creation;  
a song the universe sings,  
And by the Spirit you and I  
can join our voice to the holy cry  
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

#### Invitation to Offering

#### 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

#### Pastoral Prayers

#### The Lord's Prayer

#### Parting Hymn **O God, Whose First Creative Word**

(Voices United 322)

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*Music: John Bacchus Dykes 1861*

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- 1 O God, whose first creative word  
set universes into place,  
who stretched across the whirling void  
infinities of time and space;  
O speak to our chaotic day  
a word of ordered grace, we pray.
- 2 O Christ who came, the living word,  
proclaiming love's redeeming power,  
who drained the tempter's bitter cup  
and triumphed in earth's darkest hour;  
O speak to our despair and pain  
a word that kindles hope again.

3 O Spirit, ever-present word,  
God's agent of transforming grace,  
who seeks to enter every heart  
with light its darkness to replace;  
O speak within the hearts we raise  
a joyful word of faith and praise.

Benediction

Postlude O For a Thousand Tongues  
*tune "Azmon" by Carl G. Glaser, arranged by Tom Birchwood*

Music Leader – Sharon Prindle Collins  
Welcome and Announcements – Stephen Godfrey  
Greeters – Willa Burke and Karen Strawn Samis  
Morning Prayer – Bill Samis  
A Time to Wonder – Clare Walker  
Spirit Kids – Moira Dennis  
Scripture Reading – Stephen Godfrey  
Reflection – Bill Walker  
Offering Invitation and Prayer – Stephen Godfrey  
Technical Support – Karen Clark and Jiemei Li  
Fellowship Time – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Brew Crew