

Rooted in Creation  
Sunday, September 22, 2024  
Season of Creation

Welcome and Announcements

Centring Music Spirit of the Living God

*Daniel Iverson*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Opening Hymn **O World of God** (Voices United 258)

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- 1 O world of God, so vast and strange,  
profound and wonderful and fair,  
beyond the utmost reach of thought  
but not beyond our Maker's care!  
We are not strangers on this earth  
whirling amid the suns of space;  
we are God's children, this our home,  
with those of every clime and race.
- 2 O world where human life is lived,  
so strangely mingling joy and pain,  
so full of evil and of good,  
so needful that the good shall reign!  
It is this world that God has loved,  
and goodness was its Maker's plan,  
the promise of God's triumph is  
a humble birth in Bethlehem.

- 3 O world of time's far-stretching years!  
There was a day when time stood still,  
a central moment when there rose  
a cross upon a cruel hill;  
in pain and death love's power was seen,  
the mystery of time revealed,  
the wisdom of the ways of God,  
the grace through which our hurt is healed.

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 (Arlene Box)  
Job 1: 1-12

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 "Abundant Abundance"

Hymn of the Day **Blessed Assurance** (Voices United 337)

*Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1873, alt.  
Music: Phoebe Palmer Knapp 1873*

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.

*Refrain* This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight!  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love. *Refrain*

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

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn **It Only Takes a Spark** (Pass It On)

Voices United 289

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1 It only takes a spark  
to get a fire going,  
and soon all those around  
can warm up in its glowing:  
that's how it is with God's love,  
once you've experienced it:  
you spread God's love to everyone,  
you want to pass it on.

2     What a wondrous time is spring  
      when all the trees are budding,  
      the birds begin to sing,  
      the flowers start their blooming;  
      that's how it is with God's love,  
      once you've experienced it:  
      you want to sing, it's fresh like spring,  
      you want to pass it on.

3     I wish for you, my friend,  
      this happiness that I've found -  
      on God you can depend,  
      it matters not where you're bound;  
      I'll shout it from the mountain top;  
      I want my world to know:  
      the Lord of love has come to me,  
      I want to pass it on.

### Benediction

### Postlude All Things Bright and Beautiful, "Royal Oak"

*a 17th Century English melody, arranged by James Manfield*

Worship Leadership – Pastor Beth Parsons  
Music Leadership – Sharon Prindle-Collins and the CBU Choir  
Chime Solo – Margaret Chambers  
Welcome and Announcements – Ron Norman  
Greeters – Marlo, Maelynn, and McKinley Taylor  
Morning Prayer – Willa Burke  
Spirit Kids – Moira Dennis and Grace Cave  
Scripture Reading – Arlene Box  
Offering Invitation and Prayer – Ron Norman  
Technical Support – Karen Clark and Bob Krueckl  
Fellowship Time – Men's Breakfast Group