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Worship Service

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Creation Time: Amazing Creatures

Sunday, September 18th, 2022 11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

The Indian seer lost God in Nature; the Christian mystic, on the other hand, finds God in Nature. The Hindu mystic believes that God and Nature are one and the same; the Christian mystic knows that there must be a Creator to account for the universe.

- *Sadhu Sundar Singh*

The human body has been called the microcosm of the universe, a little world of wonders and a monument of divine wisdom and power, sufficient to convince the most incredulous mind of the existence of the Great Designer.

- *A. B. Simpson*

Page 2 Praising God

Prelude "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
Joseph Scriven/Charles Converse



Humpback Whale

Words of Welcome

Acknowledging the Territory

Call to Worship

Today we continue to celebrate the gift of all God's amazing creatures on land and in the sea.

We marvel at their abilities and intelligence.

Much of this creation we have never seen and as a result we know very little about it.

But it is all part of God's creation that we honour and recognize in our world.

Let us uplift, worship and praise our glorious God!

Opening Prayer (together)

Creator God of love, show us our place in this world, as kin to all the non-human creatures with whom we share the earth. All creatures have come forth from Your hand; they are Yours, filled with Your presence and Your tender love. Not one of them is forgotten in Your sight. In gratitude we celebrate each gift of creation and pray to You with awe in our hearts as we give You thanks, O God. Amen.

Hymn (225) “We Praise You for the Sun” vs. 1,2,3

- 1 We praise you for the sun,
the golden shining sun,
that gives us healing, strength, and joy;
we praise you for the sun.
- 2 We praise you for the rain,
the softly falling rain,
that gives us healing, strength, and joy;
we praise you for the rain.
- 3 We praise you for your love,
your patient, endless love,
that gives us healing, strength, and joy;
we praise you for your love.

Prayer for Grace (together)

Awesome Creator God, every day we marvel at the gifts of creation all around us. There is so much to take in and so much to be grateful for, and yet often we forget to look and appreciate all that is around us. We take creation for granted.

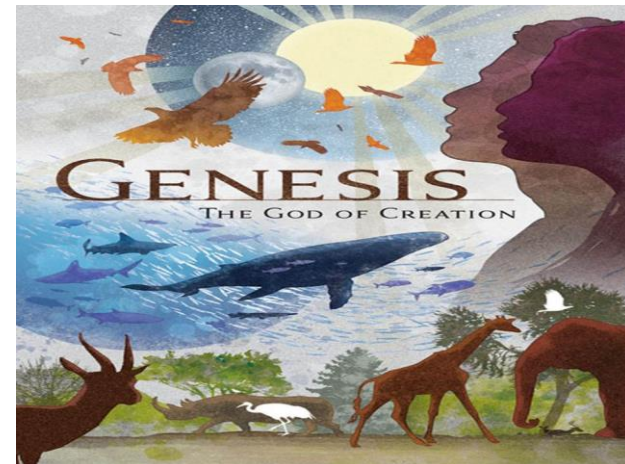
Help us to take time each day to recognize the intricate and amazing gifts all around us. Lead us to discover the magnitude of treasures beneath, above and all around us each day that enrich our lives. May our worship renew our commitment to preserve and protect this holy Earth. Amen.

Sung Assurance (577) “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

- 2 I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.

Listening for God’s Word

Hebrew Reading Genesis 1:20 - 2:4 J. Cermak
(The creation of living creatures.)



Solo “O World of God” R.B.Y. Scott/ C. Parry
L. Lazar, Soprano

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Sermon “Remarkable Gifts of Creation” Rev. Cooper

Hymn (296) “This Is God’s Wondrous World” vs. 1-3

- 1 This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.
- 2 This is God's wondrous world:
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.
- 3 This is God's wondrous world:
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is God's wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad!

Responding to God

Minute for Mission

I. Kagawa

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Hymn (242) “Let All Things Now Living” vs. 1, 2

- 1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;
till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.
- 2 By law God enforces, the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise:
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

Commissioning and Benediction

God is your shade at your right hand;
The sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.
God will watch over your life;
God will watch over your coming and going
both now and forever more. (Psalm 121:5-8)
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of God’s hand.
(Irish blessing)

Choral Blessing (424) "May the God of Hope"

1 May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

**Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

2 May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed. **R**

Postlude "All Creatures of Our God and King"
words: Francis of Assisi
tune: Geistliche Kirchengesänge 1623

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Thank you for joining our Zoom audio and video
worship service today. We hope that you found our
service meaningful. May your faith fill you with love,
joy and peace.

Many thanks to our tech team for running our Zoom
audio and video service. Thanks to those
participating in the service, our scripture and M&S
readers and our music team.

**Today, Sunday, September 18th, Creation Time.
1:00 p.m. – Council meeting on Zoom**

On Sunday, September 25th, we will celebrate our
8th Anniversary as Bayview United Church. This will
be an in-person service as well as Zoom service.
If you would like to stay for lunch after the service,
please let L. Fujita know by September 22nd. Thank
you.

We will also be commemorating "**Orange Shirt Day**",
a day to remember the former students of residential
schools. If you have an orange T-shirt, you are
invited to wear it.

Sunday, October 2nd, is World Wide Communion
Sunday. We invite you, when you join the service, to
have a piece of bread or cracker and a beverage, and
together we will share the Lord's Supper.

Sunday, October 9th, we celebrate Thanksgiving
Sunday.

BUC is once again participating in the Terry Fox Run
on Sunday September 18. If you would like to
support the BUC – Mickeys Team in fundraising for
cancer research, you can donate directly by clicking
on this link [BUC - Mickeys Team](https://run.terryfox.ca/team/bucmickeysteam/add/registration/info) or by visiting
<https://run.terryfox.ca/team/bucmickeysteam/add/registration/info>.

We thank everyone for their support!

Prayers and Concerns: Please remember in your
prayers all those in need of hope, comfort and
healing.

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BUC Prayer Group: These individuals offer confidential prayer support to anyone who is in need of God's healing love, support and compassion in their lives. Prayers may be for a relative, a close friend or yourself. Please email Rev. Cooper or call R. Shikaze with your prayer request.

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Have a Blessed Day!