

## SHARING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** *The Marvelous Work Beholds Amazed*  
Asleif Wilmer, soprano (from *The Creation*)  
Franz Joseph Haydn

\* **DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 94

\* **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION** Hymnal page 15

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

*God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven* David Cherwien  
Dr. Ashley Snavley, organ

*God, That Madest Earth and Heaven* No. 688

*For the Beauty of the Earth* (with alternate refrain) No. 92

*Loving Spirit* *The Faith We Sing* No. 2123

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

\* **HYMN OF COMMITMENT** *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*  
No. 150

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **POSTLUDE** *Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne* Buxtehude

*Large-print bulletins, Bibles and hymnals, as well as assistive listening devices and wheelchairs, are available from the ushers.*

**USHERS:** Herb Andrews, Pat Murphy, Greg Schuelke, Floyd Stiles, Beth Troxler, Polly van Rensburg, Gary Vanderslice, Randol Womack, Dennis Zimmerman

**ACOLYTES:** Gage Samaddar, Morgan Tefft; **READER:** Bob Morgan

**ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION:**

Bill & Peggy Howard, Milt & Amy Percival, Erik & Kimberly Peterson

**AUDIO:** Jim DeBusk

**VIDEO:** Kim Summers

## Worship Celebration September 6, 2015 – 9:30 a.m.



**Our Mission:**  
*Alive with the Spirit,  
we bring God's love into action  
by igniting faith, transforming lives,  
and creating community.*



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*God's Love in Action™*

## MEDITATION

The creative operation of God does not simply mold us like soft clay. It is a fire that animates all it touches, a spirit that gives life. So it is in living that we should give ourselves to that creative action, imitate it, and identify with it.  
~Teilhard de Chardin

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Un Moment Musical* Max Reger  
Dr. Andria Fennig, piano

## CHORAL INTROIT

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,

**People: the earth was a formless void  
and darkness covered the face of the deep,**

Leader: while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

**People: God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.  
And God saw that the light was good;**

Leader: and God separated the light from the darkness.  
God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.

**People: And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.**

**All:** Let us worship God on this first day,  
a day of new beginnings and faith.

\* **HYMN OF PRAISE** *How Great Thou Art* Hymnal No. 77

\* **OPENING PRAYER** (in unison)

**Eternal God, your Spirit moved on the waters—  
and there was light, your first creation.**

**Your Spirit moved on the water of our baptism—and again,  
there was light in our souls and hearts.**

**May your creative Spirit be at work in us today as we worship you  
and strive to live in obedience to your will. Amen.**

## \* MOMENTS OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

\* **HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP** *Morning Has Broken* vs. 1 & 3 No. 145

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Eternal God, you created us in your image  
and set us as caretakers for the earth.**

**You anointed us as disciples and told us  
to make disciples the world over.**

**As we look at our polluted earth,  
where we consume resources at an unsustainable rate,  
we know that we have failed to be good stewards.**

**In many ways, we have failed to live as disciples ourselves.**

**We ask your mercy for our sins and await the renewal  
of our minds and hearts, that we may devote our days  
to protecting the earth and making disciples  
of all nations in accordance to your will. Amen.**

### Silent Prayer and Words of Assurance

Leader: In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**All: Glory to God. Amen.**

*(Please fill out and pass the fellowship pad)*

**ANTHEM** *We Sing the Mighty Power of God* Hal Hopson  
Chancel Choir; Jean Arkwright, flute  
Pam Murphy, Monica Stern, Carol Holzworth, handbells

**SCRIPTURE** *Genesis 1:24-26; Genesis 2:4b-9* (pg. 1 & 2 OT, Pew Bible)

Reader: God's Word for God's people.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** Rev. Dr. David Summers  
Epic:  
Part 1: *Creation*

*When you see an \* in the order of worship, please stand as you are able.*