

SHARING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Un Moment Musical* Max Reger

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

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION HYMNS

Loving Spirit *The Faith We Sing* No. 2123

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

God, That Madest Earth and Heaven No. 688

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Worship Celebration
September 6, 2015 – 8:00 a.m.



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

Today's Servants

USHERS: Debbie Doran, Clint Miller, Fran & Dick Wardell

READER: Pat Van Wormer

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION: Jack & Kay Jones

AUDIO: Jim DeBusk

VIDEO: Kim Summers

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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

HYMN SING

Dr. Ashley Snavley and Dr. Andria Fennig

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* 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.**

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

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

* 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 *The Marvelous Work Beholds Amazed* (from *The Creation*)

Asleif Wilmer, soprano Franz Joseph Haydn

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

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. David Summers

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Part 1: *Creation*