

*The heavens are telling  
the glory of God*



*and all creation is  
shouting for joy!*



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# Outdoor Worship at Diamond Lake

**Prelude:** Service Music Sing-Along

## *Silence*

*The first service that one owes to others in the fellowship consists in listening to them. Just as love to God begins with listening to God's Word, so the beginning of love for others is learning to listen to them. It is God's love for us that God not only gives us the Word but also lends us an ear. So it is God's work that we do for others when we learn to listen to them. They who can no longer listen to others will soon be no longer listening to God either. This is the beginning of the death of the spiritual life. They who think their time is too valuable to spend keeping quiet will eventually have no time for God and others, but only for themselves and for their own follies.*

*~Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

**Reading:** Psalm 19:1-2

The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.  
Day to day pours forth speech;  
and night to night declares knowledge.

## *Silence*

**Reading:** Psalm 24:1-2

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it;  
For the Lord has founded it on the seas,  
and established it on the rivers.



**Hymn:** Morning Has Broken (ELW 556)

Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!

**Prayer:**

L: Holy Spirit, Life-giver, who moved over the water at creation,

Who led your people through the waters of the Red Sea to freedom,

Who descended like a dove above the waters of Jesus' baptism,

Bless this time in which we gather in your name.

L: God our Creator, we thank you for your gifts:

**C: . . . for the earth under us, the lake before us, the air all around us, and the plants and animals in whose home we now worship. Thank you God for the gift of Jesus, whom you sent to redeem all that you have made. Help us to listen and give us voice to praise you with your creation. Amen.**



**Reading:** *adapted from Genesis 1*

In the beginning, the world was dark,  
and there was no shape.  
God moved over the water.  
Then God spoke and said, "Let there be light."  
And there was light!  
And God said, "It is good!"

God separated the day from the night.  
God separated the heavens from the earth.  
God separated the water from the land.  
And God said, "It is good!"

God made plants to grow.  
God made the stars at night.  
And God said, "It is good!"

God made the fish in the sea, and the birds in the air.  
And God said, "It is good!"

God made animals on the land.  
And God said, "It is good!"

Then God made people in God's own image.  
God said to the people, "Take good care of my world!"  
And God said, "This world is good!"



**Reading:** Psalm 104:10-17, 24-31

<sup>10</sup>You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills,

<sup>11</sup>**giving drink to every wild animal; the wild asses quench their thirst.**

<sup>12</sup>By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches.

<sup>13</sup>**From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.**

<sup>14</sup>You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth,

<sup>15</sup>**and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.**

<sup>16</sup>The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.

<sup>17</sup>**In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees.**

<sup>24</sup>O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.**

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

<sup>27</sup>**These all look to you to give them their food in due season;**

<sup>28</sup>when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup>**When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup>When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

<sup>31</sup>**May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—**

**Hymn:** Creating God Your Finger Trace (ELW 684)  
*(to the tune of Just as I Am)*

Creating God, your fingers trace  
the bold designs of farthest space;  
let sun and moon and stars and light  
and what lies hidden praise your might.

Sustaining God, your hands uphold  
earth's myst'ries known or yet untold;  
let water's fragile blend with air,  
enabling life, proclaim your care.

Redeeming God, your arms embrace  
all now despised for creed or race;  
let peace, descending like a dove,  
make known on earth your healing love.

Indwelling God, your gospel claims  
one fam'ly with a billion names;  
let ev'ry life be touched by grace  
until we praise you face to face.

**Gospel:** *see insert*

**Sermon**

**Hymn:** For the Beauty of the Earth (ELW 879)

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

*Refrain:* Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,  
sun and moon and stars of light: *Refrain*

For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight: *Refrain*

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above;  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain*

For each perfect gift of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
for thyself, best gift divine,  
to our world so freely giv'n: Refrain

**Confession / Forgiveness:**

L: O Lord, when your desert people cried out to you in hunger, you gave them bread from heaven and brought out water from the rock. When the poor and needy seek sustenance and there is none, when your creatures suffer, when their tongues are parched with thirst, you answer them: "I, the God of Israel, will not forsake you!"

**C: We too, hungry and thirsty for righteousness, cry out, "Do not forsake us!"**

L: But your answer comes, confounding and convicting: "Do not forsake me!" you say.

**C: "You, Lord?" we respond. "When did we see you?"**

L: Then you reveal yourself in the suffering of our neighbor and in the cries of your creation. Free us from greed, apathy, and a casual life of convenience without concern. Make us see the connection between our every action in daily life and the health of your world. Bring righteousness from our hearts like water from a rock, that our neighbors in all creation may know healing and health.

**C: Forgive our sins Lord, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

L: In the mercy of God, who gave Jesus Christ to die for us and for the whole creation, you are loved as abundantly as God provides rain for the fields. Sisters and brothers, in Christ your sins are forgiven, and you are made new to live in right and good relationship with God and with all that God has made.

**C: Amen!**

**Reading:** Revelation 22:1-2

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

### **Remembrance of Baptism and Offering**

**L:** By water and the Word, God claims us as daughters and sons and promises forgiveness, life, and salvation. In Christ, a river of life flows through the middle of our dry hearts, through the middle of our cities, through all that is distorted and polluted in the world that God made good. In Christ, we are promised a tree of life for the healing of the nations and for the healing of all creation.

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

*(the following hymns are sung during the offering)*

**Hymns:** This is my Father's World (ELW 824)

This is my Father's world,  
and to my list'ning ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world;  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world;  
he shines in all that's fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

This is my Father's world;  
oh, let me not forget

that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world;  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;  
God reigns, let earth be glad!

God Who Stretched (ELW 771)

God, who stretched the spangled heavens  
infinite in time and place,  
flung the suns in burning radiance  
through the silent fields of space:  
we, your children in your likeness,  
share inventive pow'rs with you;  
great Creator, still creating,  
show us what we yet may do.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of  
since the childhood of our race;  
known the ecstasy of winging  
through untraveled realms of space;  
probed the secrets of the atom,  
yielding unimagined pow'r,  
facing us with life's destruction  
or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons,  
may it challenge us anew:  
children of creative purpose,  
serving others, hon'ring you.  
May our dreams prove rich with promise;  
each endeavor well begun;  
great Creator, give us guidance  
till our goals and yours are one.

**Prayers:** *(The response to each  
"Lord in your mercy" will be "Hear our prayer.")*

**Lord's Prayer:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**Hymn:** Beautiful Savior (ELW 838)

Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee,  
truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows,  
fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

**Blessing:**

L: With the Word and with water, may God give you life and salvation.

With all creation, may God sustain you and give you community.

With the Holy Spirit, may God move over the waters again and lead you to live in peace with all God has made.

**Hymn:** Canticle of the Sun

Praise for the sun, the bringer of day,  
he carries the light of the Lord in his rays;  
the moon and the stars who light up the way  
unto your throne. *Chorus*

Praise for the wind that blows through the trees,  
the seas mighty storms, the gentlest breeze;  
they blow where they will, they blow where they  
please to please the Lord. *Chorus*

Praise for the rain that waters our fields,  
and blesses our crops so all the earth yields;  
from death unto life her mystery revealed  
springs forth in joy. *Chorus*

Praise for the fire who gives us his light,  
the warmth of the sun to brighten our night;  
he dances with joy, his spirit so bright,  
he sings of you. *Chorus*

Praise for the earth who makes life to grow,  
the creatures you made to let your life show;  
the flowers and trees that help us to know  
the heart of love. *Chorus*

Praise for our death that makes our life real,  
the knowledge of loss that helps us to feel;  
the gift of your self, you presence revealed  
to bring us home. *Chorus*

Chorus: The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
and all creation is shouting for joy.  
Come dance in the forest,  
come, play in the field,  
and sing, sing to the glory of the Lord.

**Sending:**

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and all creation!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

