

Contemporary Order of Worship
July 2, 2023
Worship Series: Wonder
Message: Wonder of Creation

Gathering	<i>Indescribable</i>	Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		
Centering Moment		
*Centering Song	<i>God of Wonders</i>	
*Prayer		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Pastor: Let us pray		
People: Sovereign God,		
we look at the things You have made,		
the works of Your hands,		
and we stop to consider them with awe.		
From the intricate immensity of the universe		
to the specific singularity of a flower,		
Your works astonish us.		
We wonder at Your love for us and rejoice in Your presence,		
praying in the name of the Creator,		
the Christ and the Holy Spirit. AMEN.		
Children's Moment		Linda Biscardo
Prayers of People		Sarah Chambers
Offering Song	<i>Ever Be</i>	Praise Band
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Old Testament Reading	Psalm 8	Allie Adams
Message	<i>Wonder of Creation</i>	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Invitation to Communion**Sarah Chambers****Prayer of Confession**

**Wonderful Creator God,
 the whole earth declares Your greatness.
 You have given human beings
 dominion over the works of Your hands.
 All too often, though,
 we confuse this holy charge with having ownership.
 We then treat Your creation as a resource
 to be used for our needs and our profit.
 Forgive us for destroying rather than restoring
 and for polluting rather than nurturing.
 Show us another way that we may care for all Your creation;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

Assurance and Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear the good news:

**God continually shows us another way.
 God's mercy is as wide as the ocean.
 God's desire to forgive is as strong as the mighty wind.
 So let your hearts receive the outpouring of God's love.
 In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

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

All: Alleluia! AMEN.

The Great Thanksgiving

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Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . .

And so, we Your people on earth

and with all the company of heaven
praise Your name and join their unending hymn:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are You . . . And so, in remembrance
of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The 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.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory. Forever. AMEN.

Breaking of the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer Following Communion

Eternal God,
we give You thanks for this holy mystery
in which You have given Yourself to us.

**Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of Your Spirit,
to give ourselves to others
in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

***Closing Song** *Let Everything That* **Praise Band**

***Benediction** **Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller**

Postlude *Let Everything That (Reprise)* **Praise Band**