

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

Prelude *As the Deer, Psalm 42* Patricia O'Donnell

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: The name of the Lord is majestic!

People: The mountains tower and the seas roar in praise of God!

Pastor: When we look at the heavens, we rejoice in God!

People: The moons, stars, planets, solar systems are a delight to us!

Pastor: Come, let us shout our praise to God!

People: Lord, thank You for this awesome creation!

***Hymn** *For the Beauty of the Earth* UMH 92

***Opening 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 *I Vow to Thee, My Country* Amy McCarthy

*Doxology UMH 95

Praise God from Whom all Blessings flow!
 Praise Him all creatures here below!
 Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts!
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! AMEN

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Old Testament Reading Psalm 8 Kathy Henry

*Hymn *All Things Bright and Beautiful* UMH 147

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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

UMH 13

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 might 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.

