

**Welcome to Summer Worship at Zion!**

***I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY***  
***Rediscovering God's Grace in the Old Testament***  
***"Creation and Fall"***

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***Rooted in Faith \* Growing in Spirit \* Reaching Out to Those in Need***  
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**INTRODUCTION**

*This summer we are exploring the Old Testament stories of God's relationship with God's chosen people. Our scripture lessons for the summer begin with the early chapters of Genesis and move through the stories of Israel's early history, the exodus, the kings, and the prophets. The stories tell of hope and disappointment, suffering and redemption, love and forgiveness. In all these stories, we find God dealing with the complexities of human life.*

**PRELUDE/GATHERING SONGS**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(please stand)*

This is the day that our God has made.  
**We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

This is the world that our God has made.  
**We will rejoice and take care of it!**

We are the children that our God has made!  
**Let us worship God together!**

**OPENING HYMN "God of Wonders"**

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky.  
The heavens are your tabernacle,  
Glory to the Lord on High.  
God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are Holy, Holy.  
The universe declares Your majesty. You are Holy, Holy.  
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.  
And when I stumble in the darkness,  
I will call your name by night.  
God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are Holy, Holy.  
The universe declares Your majesty. You are Holy, Holy.  
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth.  
Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth.  
Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy. You are Holy, Holy.  
Precious Lord, reveal your heart to me.  
You are Holy, Holy.  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy.,

**CONFESSION**

God, our Creator, we are called to "live with respect in creation," but we confess that we have not always done well in caring for your world. You have given us the beautiful garden of Earth to care for.

**And we keep paving it over to make more parking lots. Forgive us, Creator God.**

We have figured out ways to recycle and conserve the world's resources,

**But we complain that it is too hard and too messy to sort out items for recycling and composting. Forgive us, Creator God.**

We use automobiles when we could easily cycle, run, or walk.

**We add to global warming and the pollution of our air. Forgive us, Creator God.**

We waste water by letting taps run and drip, and by over-watering our lawns.

**We pollute our water with chemical spills and runoff. Forgive us, Creator God.**

We have bright, beautiful, and creative children in our midst.

**And we ask them to be quiet and do things the way they've always been done.**

Holy God, forgive us for the ways that we have spoiled your creation.

**Help us to make a fresh start for the good of your world and for the sake of future generations that will live in it. Amen.**

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Confessing our sins to God is a lot like cleaning out our homes and taking out the garbage. God can take out what is polluted in our lives and give us a clean heart and fill us with a new and right spirit. Scripture tells us that we can “come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith, with hearts that have been purified from a guilty conscience and with bodies washed with clean water.” Through God’s love in Christ we are made clean and forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE “Beautiful Savior”**

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.  
*(please be seated)*

### **A TIME FOR CHILDREN**

**(Noisy offering will be taken by the children)**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**Memorial Day Medley**  
**Lynae Poel**

### **WORD**

### **SCRIPTURE**

**Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8**

**Pew Bible OT p. 2**

### **SERMON**

**Pastor Marcia**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“This Is My Father’s World”**

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 everywhere.

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!

### **SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

**Zella Mae Krokkel**

**OFFERING**

*The children are welcome to come forward and place their offerings in the  
“For Children Everywhere” box.*

**OFFERING HYMN****“How Majestic Is Your Name”**

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
O Lord, we praise your name!  
O Lord, we magnify your name.  
Prince of Peace, Mighty God, O Lord God Almighty!

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** *(please stand)*

Holy God, Creator of all, we thank you for all the gifts that you have given us. With thankful hearts we offer our gifts for the care of your creation and the healing of your world. Use our gifts and bless all that they may touch. We ask in Jesus’ name.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

Gracious God, send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

**BLESSING**

Let us go from here as a people committed to care for all of God’s creation.

And may the blessing of God the Creator, of Christ the Creative Word,  
and the Recreating Spirit, be with you now and always.

**Amen.**

**CLOSING/SENDING HYMN****“Indescribable”**

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,  
Creation revealing Your majesty.  
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring,  
Ev’ry creature unique in the song that it sings.

All exclaiming;  
Indescribable, uncontainable;  
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name,  
You are amazing God.  
All powerful, untamable;  
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim  
You are amazing God.

Who has told ev’ry lightning bolt where it should go,  
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?  
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,  
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?

None can fathom.  
Indescribable, uncontainable;  
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name,  
You are amazing God.  
All powerful, untamable;  
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim  
You are amazing God.

Indescribable, uncontainable;  
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name,  
You are amazing God.  
Incomp’rable, unchangeable.  
You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same.  
You are amazing God.  
You are amazing God.

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**I love to tell the story,  
for some have never  
heard the message of  
salvation from God's  
own holy Word.**

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*REDISCOVERING GOD'S GRACE IN THE  
OLD TESTAMENT*

<sup>4</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

In the day that the Lord GOD made the earth and the heavens, <sup>5</sup>when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up — for the Lord GOD had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; <sup>6</sup>but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground — <sup>7</sup>then the Lord GOD formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

<sup>15</sup>The Lord GOD took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the Lord GOD commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

<sup>8</sup>They heard the sound of the Lord GOD walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord GOD among the trees of the garden.

