

KNOX UNITED CHURCH

September 9th, 2018

Season of Creation 1 - "Earth"

Sharing the Gospel of Jesus with all
people through worship, service and care.

As we gather for worship today, we acknowledge that the land on which we gather is Treaty 6 territory, the ancestral land of several Indigenous nations, and part of the homeland of the Metis. We respect the sacredness of our shared home and the ground on which we walk, and we are grateful for its stewardship through the centuries.

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SINGING THE SPIRIT (MV 7) (sing 2X)

Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, gather us in,
Ground us, ground us in you.



Words and music: David Hann, 2006

CALL TO WORSHIP & GATHERING PRAYER

HYMN - *This Is God's Wondrous World*
(VU 296)

LIGHTING THE TRINITY CANDLES



GREETING GOD'S FAMILY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY CONVERSATION



We have been gifted with a good earth by the God of creation. We have been held close in God's heart through seasons and years. We yearn to keep all that is good. In every word and action that leads to preserving our world, may we be blessed and be blessings in turn.

Still, we keep acting in ways that spoil the planet and deny life to many of God's wonderful creations. May we find new ways that build wellness and wholeness for all things.

We have been gifted with wondrous bodies that please us and bring to life our spirits in action. When we use them for good and fruitful actions, may we be blessed.

HYMN - *All Creatures of Our God and King* (VU 217) (verses 1, 3 and 5)

CHOIR BENEDECTION

Parting Prayer

O God, take us from this place into your care.

Give us the faith to take us through the night.

Give us the strength to face each passing day.

Give us the courage to stand for what is right.

Give us a love for all along the way.

Give us the light to show us paths to take.

These things we ask for thy name's sake.
Amen, amen.

Words and music by Louis Harris

POSTLUDE



Still, we treat our bodies harshly, and take no note of our ways that harm ourselves and others. May we find new ways.

In what we say, what we understand, and what we do, may our lives reflect the wonder and holiness of God's vision for all creation. Amen.

adapted from David Sparks, Summerland, BC in *Gathering - Pentecost 2*

HYMN - *O Beautiful Gaia* (MV 41)

WORDS FROM OUR SCRIPTURES



Hebrew Scriptures **Genesis 1:1-25**

In the beginning ...

Psalm **33** (VU pg. 760)

Praise the Creator and Guide

Gospel **John 1:1-14**

John's creation words

ANTHEM - *For Beauty of Meadows*

Words: Walter Farquson, Choral Setting: Hal. H. Hopson

For beauty of meadows, for grandeur of trees,
for flowers of woodlands, for creatures of seas,
for all you created and gave us to share,
we praise you, Creator, extolling your care.

Let ev'ry nation give raise for creation,
and hallow all life and all beauty.

As stewards of beauty received at your hand,
as creatures who hear your most urgent command,
we turn from our wasteful destruction of life,
confessing our failures, confessing our strife.

Let ev'ry nation give raise for creation,
and hallow all life and all beauty.

Teach us once again to be gardeners of peace;
all nature around us is ours but on lease;
Your name we would hallow in all that we do,
fulfilling our calling, creating with you.

Let ev'ry nation give raise for creation,
and hallow all life and all beauty.

May God Creator be praised forever.

REFLECTION

HYMN - *Soil of God, You and I* (MV 174)

MISSION MESSAGE & OFFERING

COMMUNION

