

Welcome to Christ United Methodist Church in Cedar Mill

Sunday, September 12th, 2021
Worship 9:00 am

Prelude & Welcome

Call to Worship from Psalm 19:

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God;
the skies are proclaiming the work of Your hands!
Each day proclaims Your praise to the next;
Each night give wisdom to the next.

Many: **Without words and without speeches,
Their praise is heard throughout the world.**

One: Your commandments, O God, are perfect!
Bringing refreshment to the soul and joy to the heart.

Many: **They are more desirable than gold,
and sweeter than honey!**
**The heavens are telling the glory of God;
the skies are proclaiming the work of Your hands!**

*Opening Hymn: “All Things Bright and Beautiful” vv. 1, 2, & 4 — UMH #147

*All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
'Twas God that made them all*

2. The purple headed mountains
The rivers running by
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky

1. Each little flower that opens
Each little bird that sings
He made their glowing colors
And made their tiny wings

4. God gave us eyes to see them
And lips that we might tell
How great is the Almighty
Who has made all things well

Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:15-20 (CEB)

The Lord God took the human and settled him in the garden of Eden to farm it and to take care of it. The Lord God commanded the human, “Eat your fill from all of the garden’s trees; but don’t eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, because on the day you eat from it, you will die!” Then the Lord God said, “It’s not good that the human is alone. I will make him a partner that is perfect for him.” So the Lord God formed from the fertile land all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky and brought them to the human to see what he would name them. The human gave each living being its name. The human named all the live-stock, all the birds in the sky, and all the wild animals.

The Word of God for you, the people of God
Thanks be to God.

Hymn: “Great is Thy Faithfulness” — UMH #140

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions,
they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and
springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and
bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer

Response to each praise:

One: *We give thanks.*
Many: **Thank you, God.**

Response to each concern:

One: *Lord, have mercy.*
Many: **Christ, have mercy.**

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.

Message in Music

***Worship in Song:** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” — UMH # 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Message:

“What Should We Name Them?” — Rev. Ric Shewell

The first creation narrative (Gen 1:1-2:3) emphasizes the inherent goodness of all created things.

The second creation narrative (Gen 2:4-3:24) emphasizes God’s

_____ with creation to make things right.

The first task of the human (adam) is to care for creation (Gen 2:15).

Creation was not complete until the human gave names to creation.

Naming declares a _____ and responsibility.

“I have called you by name; you are mine.” - Isaiah 43:1

“[The shepherd] calls his own sheep by name and leads them.” - John 10:3

Next steps:

- When we observe the world, we cooperate with the Creator.
- We have a responsibility to love and care for creation.
- God has declared love and responsibility to you. Rest in that relationship.

Celebration of Holy Communion:

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, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we 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 the One

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

On the night when Christ handed himself over for our sakes...

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us...

Through Jesus Christ we pray.

Amen.

(All are welcome to receive communion, all means all! Ushers will dismiss by rows. Please come forward down the center aisles, and return by the side aisles.)

“The King of Love My Shepherd is” vv. 1-4 — UMH#138

1. The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever.

2. Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.

3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Benediction

“The King of Love My Shepherd is” v. 6 — UMH#138

6. And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.

Postlude

Thank you for worshiping with us today!
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