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Welcome to Worship

Creation in Christ

September 6, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER

The order of worship is set out in this bulletin. Words are projected on the screen.

- Participation Guide: P = Pastor, L = Worship Leader, **C** = **Congregation**

Gathering Song

God Of Wonders

M. Byrd/S. Hindalong

- 1 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
- 2 Early in the morning / I will celebrate the light
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

Bridge

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)

Instrumental

Ending

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

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Call to Worship: Creation in Christ

P: We begin with a call to worship inspired by the creation story in Genesis 1:
Glory to you, O God: you speak a word of power, and so you create the world.

C: We praise you, O God.

P: For the Spirit hovering to bring forth life, for the earth ordered from chaos,

and for light and dark,

C: We bless you, O God.

P: For the cosmos beyond our earth, for the sky above our heads, and for the cycle of evening and morning,

C: We exalt you, O God.

P: For the seas, the lakes, and the rivers, for the land with its mountains and plains, and for the trees, the plants, and their fruits,

C: We magnify you, O God.

P: For the sun to rule the day, for the moon to brighten the night, and for the shining stars,

C: We extol you, O God.

P: For the fish in the sea, for the birds of the air, and for the monsters in the deep,

C: We glorify you, O God.

P: For wild animals and creatures of all kinds, for cattle and all livestock, and for everything that creeps on the earth,

C: We adore you, O God.

P: For humankind made in your image, for setting us on your good earth, and for providing us food to eat,

C: We worship you, O God.

P: Bless us, your creatures. Accept our praise, and make us worthy of your marvelous creation.

C: We praise you, O God.

P: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to you, our God, forever. Amen.

Gathering Song

Indescribable

Laura Story

- 1 From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's 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

Chorus

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

- 2 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 *Chorus*

Ending

You are amazing, God

THE WORD

First Reading

Psalm 148

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights. Praise the Lord, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven. Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars. Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created, who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps; fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will; mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars; wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds; sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world; young men and maidens, old and young together. Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven. The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

The Holy Gospel

John 1:1-5

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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Message

Pastor Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman

Song of the Day

Light Of The World

Matt Redman

- 1 O Jesus Son of God / So full of grace and truth
The Father's saving Word / So wonderful are You
The angels longed to see / And prophets searched to find
The glory we have seen revealed
- 2 You shone upon the earth / But who will understand
You came unto Your own / But who will recognise
Your birth was prophesied / For You were the Messiah
Who came and walked upon the earth / Your glory we have seen
The one and only King / And now You're living in our hearts

Chorus

Light of the world, Light of the world
Light of the world, You shine upon us (2 measures)
Light of the world, Light of the world
Light of the world, You shine upon us

3 In You all things were made / And nothing without You
In heaven and on earth / All things are held in You
And yet You became flesh / Living as one of us
Under the shadow of the cross / Where through the blood You shed
You have made peace again / Peace for the world that God so loves
Chorus, Chorus

Bridge
And yet You became flesh / living as one of us
under the shadow of the cross
Where through the blood You shed / You have made peace again
Peace for the world that God so loves

Chorus

Ending
Light of the world, Light of the world,
Light of the world, You shine upon us *repeat*

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Prayers of the People

We join with Christians far and near to worship God the Creator, praying for the earth and for all in need, responding to each petition with the words "Your mercy is great."

C: Your mercy is great.

Sharing of the Peace

L: May the peace of Christ be with you always!

C: And also with you.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Announcements

Offering Invitation

Music Offering

Creation Sings

D. Leonard/L. Jordan

Verse

In You we live, in You we move
In You we have our being
In ev'ry nation, all the earth
This song of ours is rising

Chorus

Creation all creation

Sings Your glory
Sings Your glory, God

Verse, Chorus, Chorus

Bridge

Glory to the Father
Glory to the Son
Glory to the Spirit
Who was and is to come *Repeat*

Chorus

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Offering Prayer

THE MEAL

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever.
Amen.**

All are invited to come forward to receive the holy gifts. Those not receiving may come forward for a blessing. Please let an usher know if you need to receive communion at your seat. When present, a prayer minister wearing a cross on a red ribbon is located at the back of the worship space.

Communion Song

So Will I (100 Billion X)

1 God of creation / There at the start before the beginning of time
With no point of reference / You spoke to the dark
And fleshed out the wonder of light

Chorus 1

And as You speak / A hundred billion galaxies are born
In the vapour of Your breath the planets form
If the stars were made to worship, so will I
I can see Your heart in ev'rything You've made
Ev'ry burning star a signal fire of grace
If creation sings Your praises, so will I

2 God of Your promise / You don't speak in vain no syllable empty or void
For once You have spoken / All nature and science
Follow the sound of Your voice

Chorus 2

And as You speak / A hundred billion creatures catch Your breath
Evolving in pursuit of what You said
If it all reveals Your nature, so will I
I can see Your heart in ev'rything You say
Ev'ry painted sky a canvas of Your grace
If creation still obeys You, so will I

Interlude

So will I, So will I

Bridge

If the stars were made to worship, so will I
If the mountains bow in rev'rence, so will I
If the oceans roar Your greatness, so will I
For if ev'rything exists to lift You high, so will I

If the wind goes where You send it so will I
If the rocks cry out in silence, so will I
If the sum of all our praises still falls shy
Then we'll sing again a hundred billion times (Whoas')

- 3 God of salvation / You chased down my heart
Through all of my failure and pride
On a hill You created the light of the world
Abandoned in darkness to die

Chorus 3

And as You speak / A hundred billion failures disappear
Where You lost Your life so I could find it here
If You left the grave behind, You so will I
I can see Your heart in ev'rything You've done
Ev'ry part designed in a work of art called love
If You gladly chose surrender, so will I
I can see Your heart eight billion diff'rent ways
Ev'ry precious one a child You died to save
If You gave Your life to love them, so will I

Ending

Like You would again a hundred billion times
But what measure could amount to Your desire
You're the One who never leaves the one behind

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Prayer after Communion

WE ARE SENT

God Works! Responsive Sending

P: People of God, we are sent into the world...

C: To celebrate how God works in the Word, in us, and in the world

around us.

P: From the very beginning, God has been telling a story of grace and hope...

C: **And through Christ, that story continues in us today.**

P: God works in the Word...

C: **Gathering us in worship, proclaiming Good News, and turning our hearts toward God and one another.**

P: God works in us...

C: **Calling us in baptism to love our neighbors and live the Gospel with courage and compassion.**

P: God works in the world...

C: **Moving beyond these walls in places of healing, justice, mercy, and hope.**

P: So go now with faith in God whose work is not finished...

C: **To love boldly, to serve joyfully, and to ‘*Know Jesus, and Make Jesus Known*’.**

Blessing

P: God our Mother, roots you deep in grace.

God our Neighbor, stand with you in strength.

God our Nourishment, sustain you in hope and bless you unto evergreen life.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song

How Great Thou Art

arr Paul Baloché

Verse 1

O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed

Chorus

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
How great Thou art

Verse 2

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin *Chorus 2x's*

Ending

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

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Thank you to all who gave of their time to plan, serve, and participate in today's worship.

This Week in Prayers:

We continue to pray for Winnie Ziemer and Kathy Gere. We lift in prayer Dee Candia, Sue Meyer, and their families on the death of Cecil Meyer, Dee's brother and Sue's husband.

We rejoice at the baptism of Jaxon Michael Williams, son of Bennett and Nicole Williams. And with Dave and Barb Mevis and family as they celebrate the marriage of their daughter, Shannon, to Josh Turner.

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Worship Service Opportunities

- Our Saviour's Campus, Traditional Worship, Saturday, 5:00 pm Sunday, 9:00 am
Blended Sunday, 11:00 am
- Celebration Campus, Contemporary Sunday, 10:00 am

Holy Communion is offered weekly at all worship services, and all are welcome to receive it. Communion is by intinction (dipping the bread/wafer). We offer wine (red) and grape juice (white), gluten-free at every station. If you like private prayer, please visit our prayer minister in the back.

Interested in learning more about membership?

Membership at Our Saviour's is focused on relationships. To learn more about membership, visit www.oursaviours.com, email membership@oursaviours.com, or contact the main office at 630-355-2522.

Upcoming Events

Information for groups and events, as well as registration links, can be found on the News & Events page of our website: <https://oursaviours.com/news-events>

- **Sunday School (now called Daily Bread) Preview Day:** August 30, 9:00 and 10:00 a.m.; children will start in worship and be led out after Children's Message. No Sunday School on Sept. 6 Labor Day. Year starts [officially Sept. 13](#).
- **C.A.R.E. Parents (College Age Requires Embracing): Beyond the Nest** ministry group is ready to kick off another year of supporting our college-age youth! The group will meet on the first [Tuesday](#) of each month, [starting Sept. 1](#), from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Celebration Campus Conference Room. Find more info and register your student to receive care packages on the website!.
- **Midweek Meetup Kickoff: God Works When We Gather:** Wednesday, September 2, 6 to 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary. For parents and youth in K-12th grade, this will be a night of age-group-specific informational meetings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 pm.
- The front office will switch from summer hours to regular hours after Labor Day. As of **Tuesday, Sept. 8**, office hours will be **Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**; closed Fridays.
- **Banned Book Club:** Sept. 3, 7 to 8 p.m. in the OS-Classroom 1, education wing.
- **BabyCare Raffle Tickets** (baby stroller and quilt raffle) can be purchased in the Narthex at Our Saviour's campus on Sept 5 and 13, and at the Celebration Campus on August 30. \$5/ticket and \$20/5 tickets. The drawing will take place on Sept. 13.
- **Versiti Blood Drive:** [Sept. 8](#), from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the OS-Fellowship Hall. Registration links will be available online and in our weekly newsletter. Your donation can save up to three lives!