

**Worship Link August 16<sup>th</sup>** <https://youtu.be/A73rHhEEqPg>

Guest Musicians: Allison Lupton; Ruth Bennett (friend & sister of Carolyn's – part of her "bubble")

**PRELUDE:** "Bright Morning Stars"

Traditional Appalachian Folksong

**OPENING WORDS:**

**CHILDREN'S CHAT:** "Always Near Me" Susie Poole (Psalm 139)

**& SONG:** *All God's Critters*

by Bill Staines

♪ **Chorus:**

***All God's critters got a place in the choir -Some sing low, some sing higher  
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire  
And some just clap their hands, ...or paws ...or anything they got now***

Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom, where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus moans and groans with a big to do -and the old cow just goes, 'Moo' The dogs and the cats they take up the middle - the honeybee hums and the crickets fiddle, the donkey brays and the pony neighs -the old coyote howls **Chorus:**

Listen to the top where the little birds sing on the melody with the high notes ringing, The hoot owl hollers over everything - and the jay bird disagrees Singing in the night time, singing in the day, the little duck quacks and he's on his way The possum ain't got much to say, ... and the porcupine talks to himself **Chorus:**

It's a simple song of livin' sung everywhere - by the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear The grumpy alligator and the hawk above, the sly raccoon and the turtle dove **Chorus:**

**PRAYER:** *Hymn refrain: #434 For the beauty of the earth*

F. S Pierpoint

Let us pray: Loving God ...– we confess that there are times we get down...

♪ **For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
Chorus: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

We continue to thank you for each day, ....

♪ **For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,  
Chorus: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

We thank you for the gift of music ...

♪ **For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,  
Chorus: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

We pray for our world....

♪ For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
**Chorus: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

We sometimes forget the beauty Lord you God...

♪ For each perfect gift of thine, to the earth so freely given,  
graces human & divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,  
**Chorus: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

### **WORDS ASSURING US OF FORGIVENESS:**

**SCRIPTURE:** selected verses from Genesis 1 (NRSV)  
(excerpt from song by Shaina Noll: "How could anyone ever tell you")  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**OFFERING SONG:** *Wild Mountain Thyme* Scottish Folk

**SERMON:** *It is good....beautiful, in fact!*

**CLOSING SONG:** *What a wonderful world* by Louis Armstrong

♪ I see trees of green, and clouds of white. The bright bless-ed day, the dark  
sacred night, And I think to myself – ‘what a wonderful world’!

The colours of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky – and also on the faces of people  
going by. I see friends shaking hands, saying “How do you do?”

They’re really saying “I love you.”

I hear babies cry, I watch them grow, they’ll learn much more than I’ll ever know.

And I think to myself – “What a wonderful world!” –

Yes I think to myself – what a wonderful world.

### **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *I’ll fly away* Traditional Folksong

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**Links for: Allison Lupton:**

The Eve of Christmas day: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WSIhHNDIlgAA>

Over the Ocean: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qzRvwq5-C3o>

Half my Heart: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bE4I6wXj4GY>

Allison’s web page: <https://allisonlupton.com/>

**Link for ‘world changed’ video sent by Karen Laretei – highlighting Covid impact on our  
environment and God’s creation:**

<https://youtu.be/WzWs7P4FEZk>