

Worship at Trafalgar Presbyterian Church October 23rd, 2022

Livestream/YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/5Wtx-INroDs>

PRELUDE & WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MEDITATION MUSIC & CALL TO WORSHIP:

OPENING SONG: *God of Wonders*

(Steve Hindalong, Marc Byrd)

♪ *Lord of all creation, Lord of water, earth and sky
The heavens are your tabernacle, Glory to the Lord on high*

***(chorus) 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***

*So, early in the morning I will celebrate the light
As I stumble in the darkness I will call your name by night* CHORUS

*Lord of heaven and earth Lord of heaven and earth,
Hallelujah! To the Lord of heaven and earth (3x)*

CHILDREN'S TIME & SONG: *Butterfly song*

(Brian M. Howard)

♪ *If I were a butterfly, I'd thank you, Lord, for giving me wings;
And if I were a robin in a tree, I'd thank you Lord, that I could sing;
And if I were a fish in the sea, I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee;
But I just Thank You Father, for making me – ME!*

***Chorus: 'Cause you gave me a heart And you gave me a smile
You gave me Jesus, and you made me his child
And I just thank you, Father For making me – ME!***

*If I were a wiggly worm, I'd thank you, Lord, that I could squirm;
And if I were a crocodile, I'd thank you, Lord, for my big smile;
And if I were a fuzzy-wuzzy bear, I'd thank you, Lord, for my fuzzy-wuzzy hair;
But I just thank you, Father, for making me – ME!*

Chorus

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1:26-31; Psalm 100 (Refrain #1)

Reader: Ellen Glover

This is the word of the Lord - ...thanks be to God.

PRAYERS #716 *Pray for the Wilderness (tune 626)*

(Daniel Charles Damon)

I will include a prayer written by our denomination for such a creation care Sunday.

♫ ***Pray for the wilderness, vanishing fast, pray for the rain forest, open and vast; pray for the waterfalls, pray for the trees, pray for the planet brought down by degrees.***

We have polluted and overused river, lake and ground waters. We mourn....

♫ ***Work for the justice created things need, work for the health of each plant & seed; work for the creatures abuse has betrayed, work for the garden God's wisdom once made.***

Creator God, life is a gift from you. Our survival depends on the flourishing...

♫ ***Pray for the atmosphere, pray for the sea, learn from the river, the rock and the tree; work till shalom is full harmony rings, trust the connection of all living things.***

LORD'S PRAYER & ASSURANCE:

DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS:

♫ *Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me & to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me & to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning is now & ever shall be, Amen*

MESSAGE: *Generations of Creation Care*

HYMN: #717 *We cannot own the sunlit sky*

(Ruth Duck)

♫ We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wild-flowers growing,
For we are part of all that is within life's river flowing.
With open hands receive and share the gifts of God's creation,
That all may have abundant life in every earthly nation.

When bodies shiver in the night and weary wait for morning,
When children have no bread but tears, and war horns sound their warning.
God calls humanity to wake, to join in common labour,
That all may have abundant life, oneness with their neighbour.

God calls humanity to join as partners in creating
a future free from want or fear, life's goodness celebrating,
That new world beckons from afar, Invites our shared endeavour
that all might have abundant life and peace endure forever. +

BENEDICTION & BLESSING SONG *Go now in peace*

(Don Besig)

POSTLUDE: