

In Tune with God: The Song of Creation

Music Sunday | June 29, 2025

MEDITATION

"Love is the Song of the Soul singing to God." – Paramahansa Yogananda

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS

L: And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **All: And also with you.**

PRELUDE

"The Time for Singing Has Come"

Choir

Words/music: Natalie Sleeth

CALL TO WORSHIP – (David Inglis)

Linda Thomas, Deacon

(Congregation sings their response. For tune, see Black #4.)

L: Praise be to you O God, who has awakened us to a new day of living, and who offers us a new life that dawns with the light of your grace and love.

All Sing: Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love, Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above. (1st two lines of 1st verse)

L: Praise be to you O God, who spins galaxies through the eons of time and space, who sets the evening sky ablaze with glory, who breathes life into the humblest worm and into us.

All Sing: All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays, Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. (1st two lines of 2nd verse)

L: Praise be to you O God, who emptied yourself to live as our brother and friend, whose heart knows no barriers to compassion and mercy, whose holy purpose is to lift us into the fullness of joy and unity with you and all Creation.

All Sing: Ever singing, move we forward, faithful in the midst of strife, Joyful music leads us onward in the triumph song of life. (Last 2 lines of 4th verse)

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING

"Rejoice in the Lord Always" 2x

In pew

UNISON OPENING PRAYER

Linda Thomas, Deacon

Music-loving God, you raise your hands and the great concerto of creation begins: birds carry the melody while stars keep the beat; mountains dance in merriment and little children clap their hands with joy. Softly and gently hum the sweet melody of your love in our hearts so that our song might rise to be in tune with your song. May our voices give praise your amazing glory this day. Amen

***OPENING HYMN**

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Red 68

WORD FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN

Lisa Allen

ANTHEM

“Day is Done”

Choir

Words/Music: Peter Yarrow

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Psalms 95:1-7 & 150:1-6, pp 676 & 717 *Linda Thomas, Deacon*

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Ephesians 5:15-20, p. 238

L: The Word of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN SING

UNISON PASTORAL PRAYER AND JOY & CONCERNS

After the pastoral prayer, you are invited to share your joys and concerns. When names are spoken out loud, we are all invited to respond, “O Lord, hear our prayers.”

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. (*Sung Amen, Black 812*)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Our giving is a kind of song—a rhythm of generosity, a harmony of shared care. As we give today, may these offerings be like notes woven into the great symphony of God’s love and justice. Let us give joyfully.

OFFERTORY MUSIC “I’m Gonna Sing when the Spirit Says Sing” Cherub Choir (Bella & Iyanu)
Spiritual

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love had done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One Amen.

***UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Gracious God, bless these offerings and the hearts that gave them. We ask that a portion of our gifts be sent out into the world so that they may sing your song of unfailing love, merciful grace, and compassionate justice. In Christ’s name. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Sing A Happy Alleluia”

Insert

***BENEDICTION**

Go forth now in the music of God’s grace:
May the melody of Christ’s love echo in your heart.
May the rhythm of the Spirit guide your steps.
And may your life become a song —sung in harmony with God’s mercy, to the blessing of the world. Amen.

SUNG BENEDICTION

“Christ Be Our Light”

Choir & Bell Choir

Words/Music: Bernadette Farrell

POSTLUDE

“The Music is Always with Us”

John Rutter

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Many thanks to the volunteers who enriched our morning together!

Deacon, Linda Thomas; Tech Deacon, Amelia Allen; Choir, Chris Polloni, Alan King, Linda Thomas, Meg Tivey, Joyce Kenneally, Kay Clark; Bell Choir, Lisa Allen, Meg Tivey, Robert Nelson, Carolee Packard, Rosemary Modic; Cherub Choir, Bella & Iyanu; Hospitality, Sue Long; Food donation, Janet King

NEW HERE TODAY?

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here!
To help you navigate Sunday mornings with us, please see the guide below.*

1. **Order of Worship:** **An asterisk means stand in body or spirit. **Bold text** is spoken in unison.*
2. **Kid's Connection:** *After the "Word for all God's children," the children leave worship for a time learning and fun with Bible stories, crafts, and games with Lisa Allen.*
3. **TAKE TWO** *is an adult faith formation group that meets after worship with Lisa Allen. A new discussion on "Faith as We Age" will meet again next Sunday.*
4. **Coffee and Conversation:** *You are welcome to gather with us after worship to meet some new friends in the Covenant Room, down the hall on the right.*
5. **Have Questions?** *Please reach out to Rev. Christina or the Deacon of the day.*

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