



**Grace United Methodist Church  
Creation Sings Forth: Earth  
Sunday, June 3, 2018 10:15 a.m.**

\*=Please stand as you are able

***Please sign and date the Welcome Book and pass it along to your neighbor.***

**WE GATHER**

**MUSIC FOR GATHERING**

**THE LITURGY OF LIFE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship and service.  
**Thanks be to God!**  
Let us now prepare ourselves for worship with a time of centering.

**MUSIC FOR CENTERING ON GOD**

**WE WORSHIP TOGETHER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**PASTORAL INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

**\* OPENING HYMN UMH 92 (Red Hymnal)**      “For the Beauty of the Earth”

**\*GREETING OF PEACE**

Welcome each other. Welcome the stranger. Welcome all who come. Let us be  
Christ to everyone we meet. Peace be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

**THE GIFTS OF AND FOR OUR YOUNGER CHURCH**

**CHILDREN’S SONG W&S 3025 (Green Hymnal)**

“God is Speaking”  
Tune: FRÈRE JACQUES

**God is speaking. God is speaking. Do you hear? Do you hear?  
Trust and you will hear it. Trust and you will hear it.  
God is love. God is love.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**UNISON PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**Connecting God, You who has woven us together with all of creation,  
open our eyes to see that we cannot survive in isolation so that we might be  
motivated to turn toward the other, and work for the wholeness of all life.  
We praise you as the healer of all hurt, the repairer of all brokenness.  
And all God’s people say Amen.**

**THE WORD OF LIFE**

Genesis 2:4b-9

**MESSAGE**

“A Cup of Dirt Each Day”

Pastor Dave Swinton

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S CALL**

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

## Communion Greeting

Creator God is with us! **God is with us now!**

Lift up your heart! **We lift them up to God!**

Let us give thanks to the Holy One! **It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING TFWS 2257 (Black Hymnal)**

(sung responses a-d)

## The Prayer Jesus Taught Us

Our Father (Mother, Creator)✠, 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.

**COMMUNION SONG W&S 3168 (Green Hymnal)**

“Come to the Table of Grace” (verses 1 and 2)

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.

This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of peace. Come to the table of peace.

This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of peace.

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**PRAYER RESPONSE W&S 3022 (Green Hymnal)**

“Peace of Our Praying”

Tune: MORNING HAS BROKEN

**Peace of our praying, song of our singing,**

**truth of our telling, love of all loves,**

**health of our healing, gift of our giving,**

**life of our living, light of all lights.**

## WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

The Offertory “I Stood on the River of Jordan” African American Spiritual

Emily Miller, soprano

arr. Harry J. Burleigh

**\*DOXOLOGY TFWS 2008 (Black Hymnal)**

“Let All Things Now Living”

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving**

**to God the Creator triumphantly raise,**

**who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,**

**who guides us and leads to the end of our days.**

Prayer of Dedication

## WE ARE SENT FORTH INTO GOD’S WORLD

**\* HYMN OF GOING INTO THE WORLD UMH 109 (Red Hymnal)**

“Creating God, Your Fingers Trace” Tune: THE GIFT OF LOVE (UMH 408)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE W&S 3158 (Green Hymnal)**

“Go to the World” (vs. 1)

**Go to the world! Go into all the earth.**

**Go preach the cross where Christ renews life’s worth,  
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

**Worship Leaders:** Pastors Dave Swinton and Gary Nims; Ann Gerdorn, organist.

✠(In hymns and prayers, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching, and inclusive.)

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