

# PENTECOST 16 SUNDAY

September 12, 2021

Organ Prelude: Meditation from Thais

Massenet

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

## CALL TO WORSHIP:

“In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a ‘wind’ from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light.” (Gen. 1:1-3)

**We come to worship to get swept up by the wind of God, to be filled with light, to create fresh space in us for the power of love to grow strong.**

We come to worship to grow our faith and hope that new life can be born and rise up anew even when there is void and darkness and sometimes chaos around us and within us too.

**Meet us in this time of worship, O God, and blow through us like your Spirit blew over the waters at the very beginning of time.**

**ALL: Let us worship God together!**

Hymn: All things bright and beautiful

No. 435

## Refrain:

**All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
in love God made them all.**

2. The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
God made them, every one.  
**(Refrain)**

1. Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colours;  
God made their tiny wings.  
**(Refrain)**

3. The rocky mountain splendour,  
the haunting curlew's call,  
the great lakes and the prairies,  
the forests in the fall,  
**(Refrain)**

4. God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God almighty  
who has made all things well.

**(Refrain)**

Prayer of Approach, Confession & The 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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Peace of Christ be with you all;  
**And also with you.**

Children's Theme for Church School

Special Music: "Welcome back!"

words and music by Bruce Nasmith

Scripture Readings: Genesis 1:1-5, 20 – 2:3

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In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness God called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>20</sup> And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. <sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

<sup>27</sup> So God created humankind in God's image, in the image of God, God created them; male and female God created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' <sup>29</sup> God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God finished the work that God had done, and God rested on the seventh day from all the work that God had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that God had done in creation.

We are listening, O God;  
**Speak to us!**

Sermon:

IN THE BEGINNING

Dr. Harris

Special Music: "Morning has broken"

Gaelic hymn tune

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

**Hymn: Sing praise to God on mountain tops**

**No. 322**

1. Sing praise to God on mountain tops  
and in earth's lowest places,  
from blue lagoon to polar waste,  
from ocean to oasis.  
No random rock produced this world,  
but God's own will and wonder;  
thus hills rejoice and valleys sing  
and clouds concur with thunder.

2. Sing praise to God where grasses grow  
and flowers display their beauty,  
where nature weaves her myriad web  
through love as much as duty.  
The seasons in their cycle speak  
of earth's complete provision.  
Let nothing mock inherent good  
nor treat it with derision.

3. Sing praise to God where fishes swim  
and birds fly in formation,  
where animals of every kind  
diversify creation.

All life that finds its home on earth  
is meant to be respected;  
let nothing threaten, for base ends,  
what God through grace perfected.

4. Sing praise to God where humankind  
its majesty embraces,  
where different races, creeds and tongues  
distinguish different faces.

God's image in each child of earth  
shall never pale or perish;  
so treat with love each human soul  
and thus God's goodness cherish.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: Fugue on "Sing praise to God on mountain tops"

Bruce Nasmith

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