

Sunday Worship September 20, 2026

Prelude

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship:

Praise God from the sun and the moon!

Praise God, all who are God's messengers!

Praise God, in the highest heavens and to the depths of the sea!

Praise God and be strengthened as God's faithful ones!

*In this season, the lantern shines beauty
from inside the stone that God created.*

**In this season, salt connects oceans teeming with life
with tears shed in grief.**

May God's beautiful Creation inspire our worship.

May God's love inspire our song.

Sung Response: *Bring Forth the Kingdom* TFWS 2190, verse 1

Opening Prayer:

Holy Creator, You who breathe life into the vast cosmos and hold all things in your loving embrace, We come before you as part of this great tapestry of Creation, From the stars that dance in the heavens to the trees that whisper in the breeze, From the depths of the seas to the mountains that stand as witnesses to your glory. Open our hearts to the fullness of your presence in all things, That we might join the cosmic chorus of praise with joy and humility. Teach us to live in kinship with all Creation, Embracing the sacred dance of grace, hospitality, and ongoing transformation. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn: *For the Beauty of the Earth* UMH #92, vs. 1, 2, 4, 6

Responsive Prayer

*O Source of all life, whose breath stirs the stars and whisper
through the ancient cedars, whose hands shape the mountains
and cradle the depths of the seas,*

you who dance in the shimmering light of dawn and the quiet hush of twilight, draw us into the sacred rhythm of your Creation's praise.

Inspire our hearts to join the song of the heavens and the earth,

**where galaxies swirl in harmony, and the smallest creatures
lift their voices.**

May we see ourselves not as separate islands but as kin woven into your vast web, called to nurture, to honor, and to protect this fragile garden you have entrusted to us.

*Grant us the courage to live as faithful stewards, seasoning the world with justice, **compassion, and hope**, reflecting your boundless love that embraces all people, all creatures, and all places in your tender care.*

As we lift our voices in this cosmic chorus, may your Spirit move within us and among us, uniting us in praise and purpose, now and forever, in the harmony of your eternal dance. Amen.

Passing the Peace

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture: Genesis 2:4b-10, 15-23 CEB

(reader) *The Word of the Lord!*

(All) Thanks be to God!

Hymn: *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

UMH #101

Scripture: Psalm 148

(reader) *The Word of the Lord!*

(All) Thanks be to God!

Message: *Season of Creation: The Cosmic Dance*

Hymn of Response: *All Creatures of Our God and King* UMH #62, vs. 1, 2, 3, 4

Invitation to Offering

Offertory:

Doxology – Hymn 95 (Old 100th tune)

Offertory Prayer

Opportunities Coming Soon! (Announcements)

Blessing (Benediction)

Closing Hymn: *Creation Sings*

Worship & Song #3018

***Please join us for coffee fellowship after the
worship service!***

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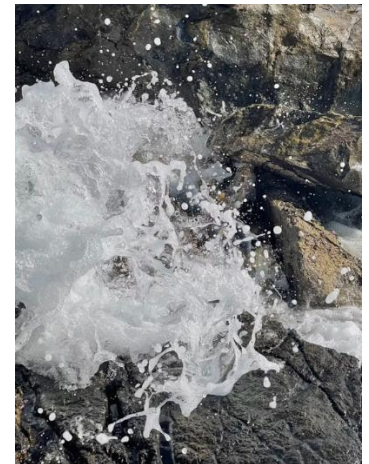
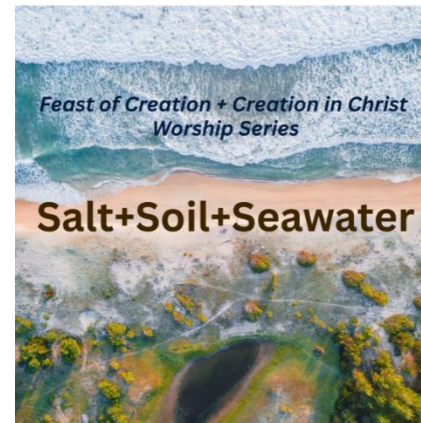
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Season of Creation series



Week 3: The Cosmic Dance

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worships together as disciples of Jesus Christ,
uniting in fellowship, missions and service.*