

Sunday Worship
September 6, 2026
15th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude
Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship:

When God began creating...

God held purpose, possibility, and intention for all Creation to belong and flourish together.

As God continued creating...

Jesus Christ brought to light God's love in tender flesh that we may trust the light when we've lost our way.

As God restores and redeems toward New Creation...

God's Spirit continues to breathe across the waters.

And in this season, the lantern shines beauty from inside the stone.

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.

Let us praise God—Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit—for the gift of life abundant.

by Rev. Nancy Victorin-Vangerud, UM Creation Justice, Season of Creation Worship Resources 2026

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

Opening Prayer:

May we as people of God's household join in this prayer based on Psalm 104:24

Compassionate, merciful God, Companion with all Creation, We gather today in celebration, giving thanks for the diversity of relatives and the abundance of fertile soils and salty seas. With the ancients we rejoice, "In wisdom you have made them all." May we open our hearts to feel the threats to Creation. May we hear anew the Spirit's call for wise keepers

of Earth's resilience. May we learn again to love what you have loved from the beginning. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Preschool Teacher Blessing for the New School Year

Children's Moment: *Let there be Light* Genesis 1:1-5 CEB

Opening Hymn: *This Little Light of Mine* (with the children)

Passing of the Peace

Litany Prayer for Creation: (see Insert)

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: *Let There Be Light* UMH 440, verses 1, 2, 5, 6

Invitation to Offering

Offertory:

Doxology – Hymn 94

Offertory Prayer

Scripture: John 1:1-5 NRSVue

(reader) *The Word of the Lord!*

(All) Thanks be to God!

Message: *Season of Creation: Look to Jesus*

Sacrament of Holy Communion: (see insert)

Opportunities Coming Soon! (Announcements)

Blessing (Benediction)

Closing Hymn: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* UMH #206

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

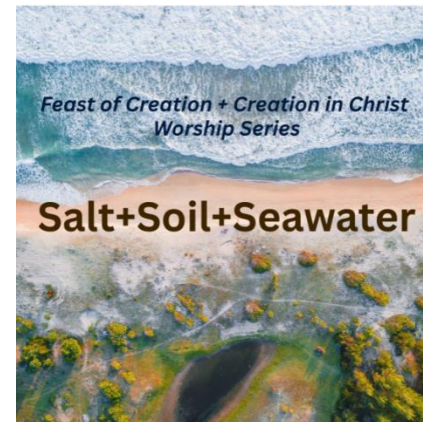
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Week 1: Look to Jesus

We are a welcoming United Methodist Church congregation that worships together as disciples of Jesus Christ, uniting in fellowship, missions and service.