

Welcome to
Homestead Park
United Methodist Church



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Announcements



Welcome to our



All children and their adults are welcome!

Need a minute? Use our family lounge!

*weekly
schedule*

All are welcome!

Sunday 11am
(4th Fl Annex Hall)

Prayer Meeting

Monday 9³⁰am
(Fellowship Hall)

Tai Chi

Monday 7pm
(Prayer Room)

Boy Scouts

*weekly
schedule*

All are welcome!

**Tuesday /
Friday 10am**
(Fellowship Hall)

Line Dancers

**1st & 3rd
Saturday 8am**
(Fellowship Hall)

Outreach Ministry





Other Announcements





*Think About
This . . .*

We began a journey
last week. For these
four weeks we will be
training our traveler's
mindset and heart

and soul, expanding
our horizons, our
understanding, and
our love for the world
and its people.

We focused last week
on leaving home.
This week we find
ourselves in *The*
Encounter with things



that feel *far from*
home.



Call to Worship

(responsive)



(Please rise in body or spirit)

Jesus often crossed
paths with others not
from his *tribe*. He
did not shy away.
Actually he most

often sought out
these opportunities.
He met people in
their daily lives and
locales, such as the

Samaritan woman at
the well and her
community, and
engaged with them at
the point of their

deepest yearning.
When we seek out
and open to new
encounters, new
people, new

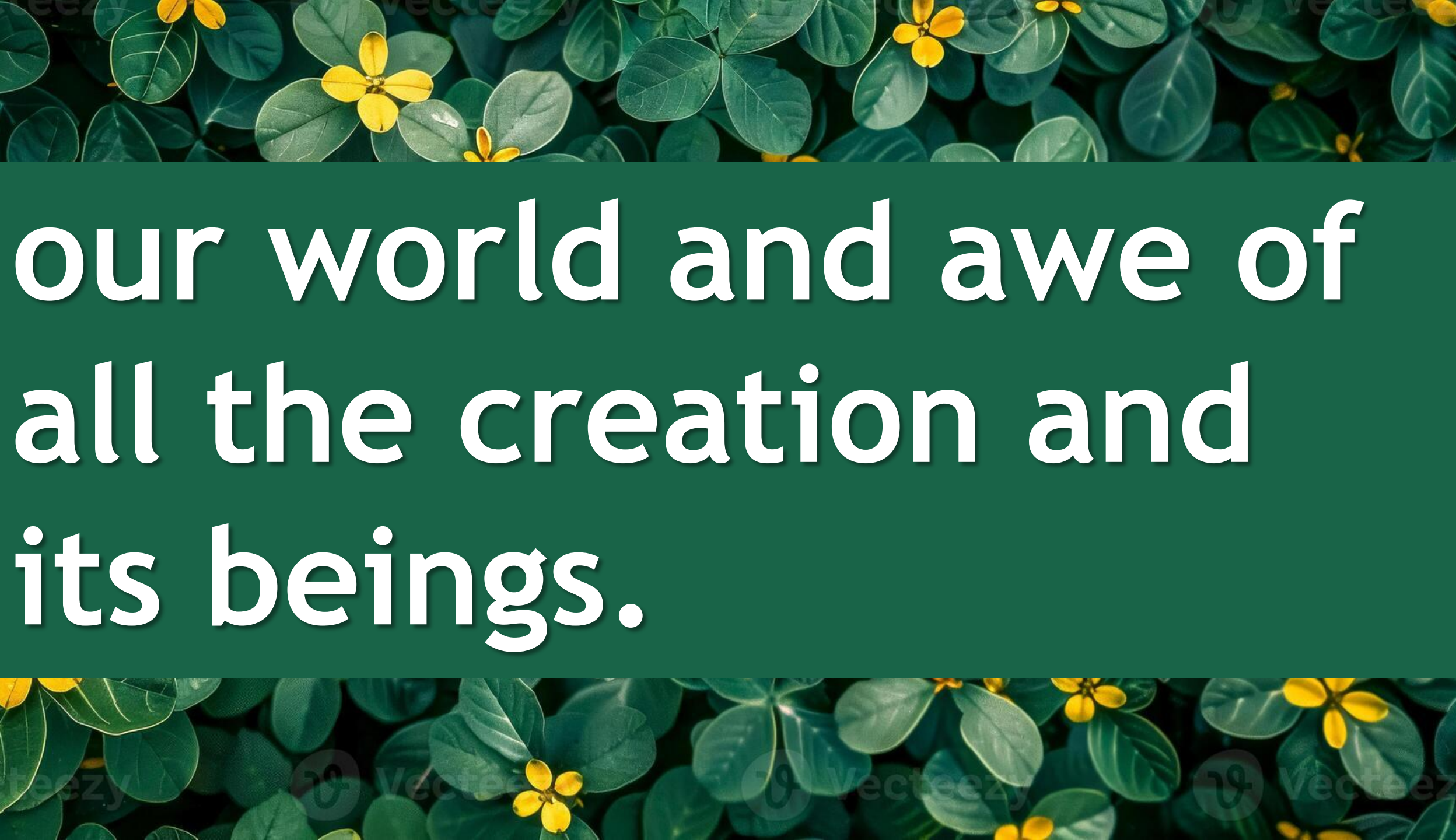
relationships, we
allow ourselves a
spiritual rendezvous
with humanity. And
in this act, we

discover more depth
within us than we
previously imagined.
How can we shift our
perception,



redefining *strangers*
as friends we have
not yet met?

All: Far from home,
we know we're
seeing, everywhere is
full of meaning;
different folks expand



our world and awe of
all the creation and
its beings.

And Are We Yet Alive
UMH # 553



(Please rise in body or spirit)

And are we
yet alive,
and see each
other's face?



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Glory and thanks
to Jesus give
for his almighty
grace!



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Preserved by
power divine
to full salvation
here,



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again in Jesus' praise
we join,
and in his sight
appear.



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What troubles have
we seen,
what mighty conflicts
past,



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fightings without,
and fears within,
since we assembled
last!



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Yet out of all
the Lord
hath brought us by his
love;



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and still he doth
his help afford,
and hides our life
above.



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Then let us make our
boast
of his redeeming
power,



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which saves us to
the uttermost,
till we can sin no
more.



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Let us take up
the cross
till we the crown
obtain,



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and gladly
reckon all
things loss so we may
Jesus gain.



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Opening Prayer

(unison)



(Please rise in body or spirit)

Sojourning God, your
Spirit exists
everywhere, on every
path, inviting us to
move with curiosity

and compassion
toward each other.
Open us to the depth
of our connections
even when it seems

difference is so
profound. Show us
our shared humanity
so that we will know
what others love, see

that we love the
same, and share the
burdens and the love.
Nudge and guide us,
we pray. Amen.

We Hear
God's **Word**



Scripture ~ First Reading

Psalm 146 NLT



¹ Praise the LORD! Let
all that I am praise
the LORD. ² I will
praise the LORD as
long as I live. I will

sing praises to my God
with my dying breath.

³ Don't put your
confidence in
powerful people;

there is no help for
you there. ⁴ When
they breathe their
last, they return to
the earth, and all

their plans die with
them. ⁵ But joyful are
those who have the
God of Israel as their
helper, whose hope is

in the LORD their God.

⁶ He made heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them.

He keeps every

promise forever. ⁷ He
gives justice to the
oppressed and food to
the hungry. The LORD
frees the prisoners.

⁸ The LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are weighed down. The LORD loves

the godly. ⁹ The LORD
protects the
foreigners among us.
He cares for the
orphans and widows,

but he frustrates the
plans of the wicked.

¹⁰ The LORD will reign
forever. He will be
your God O Jerusalem



throughout the
generations. Praise
the LORD!





Scripture ~ Second Reading

John 4:7-40 NLT



⁷ Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Please give me a drink.” ⁸ He was

alone at the time
because his disciples
had gone into the
village to buy some
food. ⁹ The woman

was surprised, for
Jews refuse to have
anything to do with
Samaritans. She said
to Jesus, “You are a

Jew, and I am a
Samaritan woman.

Why are you asking
me for a drink?”

¹⁰ Jesus replied, “If

you only knew the
gift God has for you
and who you are
speaking to, you
would ask me, and I

would give you living water.”¹¹ “But sir, you don’t have a rope or a bucket,” she said, “and this well is

very deep. Where
would you get this
living water? ¹² And
besides, do you think
you're greater than

our ancestor Jacob,
who gave us this well?
How can you offer
better water than he
and his sons and his

animals enjoyed?”

¹³ Jesus replied,
“Anyone who drinks
this water will soon
become thirsty again.

**14 But those who drink
the water I give will
never be thirsty
again. It becomes a
fresh, bubbling spring**

within them, giving
them eternal life.”

¹⁵ “Please, sir,” the
woman said, “give me
this water! Then I’ll

never be thirsty
again, and I won't
have to come here to
get water.”¹⁶ “Go and
get your husband,”

Jesus told her. ¹⁷ “I
don’t have a
husband,” the woman
replied. Jesus said,
“You’re right! You

don't have a husband
— ¹⁸ for you have had
five husbands, and
you aren't even
married to the man

you're living with
now. You certainly
spoke the truth!"

¹⁹ "Sir," the woman
said, "you must be a

prophet. ²⁰ So tell me,
why is it that you
Jews insist that
Jerusalem is the only
place of worship,

while we Samaritans
claim it is here at
Mount Gerizim,
where our ancestors
worshiped?”²¹ Jesus

replied, “Believe me,
dear woman, the time
is coming when it will
no longer matter
whether you worship

the Father on this
mountain or in
Jerusalem. ²² You
Samaritans know very
little about the one

you worship, while
we Jews know all
about him, for
salvation comes
through the Jews.

23 But the time is
coming — indeed it's
here now — when
true worshipers will
worship the Father in

spirit and in truth.

The Father is looking
for those who will
worship him that
way. ²⁴ For God is

Spirit, so those who
worship him must
worship in spirit and
in truth.”²⁵ The
woman said, “I know

the Messiah is coming
— the one who is
called Christ. When
he comes, he will
explain everything to

us.”²⁶ Then Jesus told her, “I AM the Messiah!”²⁷ Just then his disciples came back. They were

shocked to find him
talking to a woman,
but none of them had
the nerve to ask,
“What do you want

with her?” or “Why
are you talking to
her?” ²⁸ The woman
left her water jar
beside the well and

ran back to the
village, telling
everyone, ²⁹ “Come
and see a man who
told me everything I

ever did! Could he
possibly be the
Messiah?” ³⁰ So the
people came
streaming from the

village to see him.

³¹ Meanwhile, the disciples were urging Jesus, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³² But

Jesus replied, “I have
a kind of food you
know nothing about.”

33 “Did someone bring
him food while we

were gone?” the
disciples asked each
other. ³⁴ Then Jesus
explained: “My
nourishment comes

from doing the will of
God, who sent me,
and from finishing his
work. ³⁵ You know the
saying, 'Four months

between planting and
harvest.’ But I say,
wake up and look
around. The fields are
already ripe for

harvest. ³⁶ The
harvesters are paid
good wages, and the
fruit they harvest is
people brought to

eternal life. What joy
awaits both the
planter and the
harvester alike! ³⁷ You
know the saying, 'One

plants and another
harvests.’ And it’s
true. ³⁸ I sent you to
harvest where you
didn’t plant; others

had already done the work, and now you will get to gather the harvest.”³⁹ Many Samaritans from the

village believed in
Jesus because the
woman had said, “He
told me everything I
ever did!” ⁴⁰ When

they came out to see
him, they begged him
to stay in their
village. So he stayed
for two days...



Children's Message





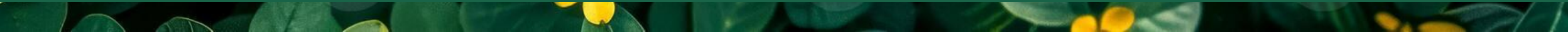
Sermon Series

Quest:

The Awakened Traveler!

Sermon Title

The Encounter!



We Respond to
God's Word

Christ for the World
We Sing;
UMH # 568

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Christ for the world
we sing,
the world to Christ we
bring,
with loving zeal

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the poor,
and them that mourn,
the faint and
overborne,



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sin-sick and
sorrow-worn,
whom Christ doth
heal.



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Christ for the world
we sing,
the world to Christ we
bring,
with fervent prayer

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the wayward
and the lost, by
restless passions
tossed,



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redeemed at
countless cost,
from dark
despair.



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Christ for the world
we sing,
the world to Christ
we bring,
with one accord

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with us the work
to share,
with us reproach
to dare,



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with us the cross to
bear,
for Christ
our Lord.



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Christ for the world
we sing,
the world to Christ
we bring,
with joyful song

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the newborn souls,
whose days,
reclaimed from
error's ways,



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inspired with hope
and praise,
to Christ
belong.



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Morning Prayer
and
Prayer Requests



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. Lead us
not into temptation but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.



Invitation to the Offering

Christ invites us to
live and serve with
him — letting his
burden lighten our
own. He multiplies



the gifts we share—
making thousands of
myriads of love and of
blessing.



Doxology

*Praise God from Whom
All Blessings Flow #95*

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Praise God from Whom all
blessings flow. Praise Him all
creatures here below. Praise
Him above, ye, heavenly
host. Praise Father, Son, and
Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Offering Prayer



Going Forth to Serve God

*Go, Tell It on the
Mountain;
UMH # 251*

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Go Tell It On The Mountain

(Traditional)



Benediction

As you encounter
others, especially
those not in your
immediate circles,
may you be aware

that these very
moments are spiritual
acts of expanding
your horizon,
traveling beyond your

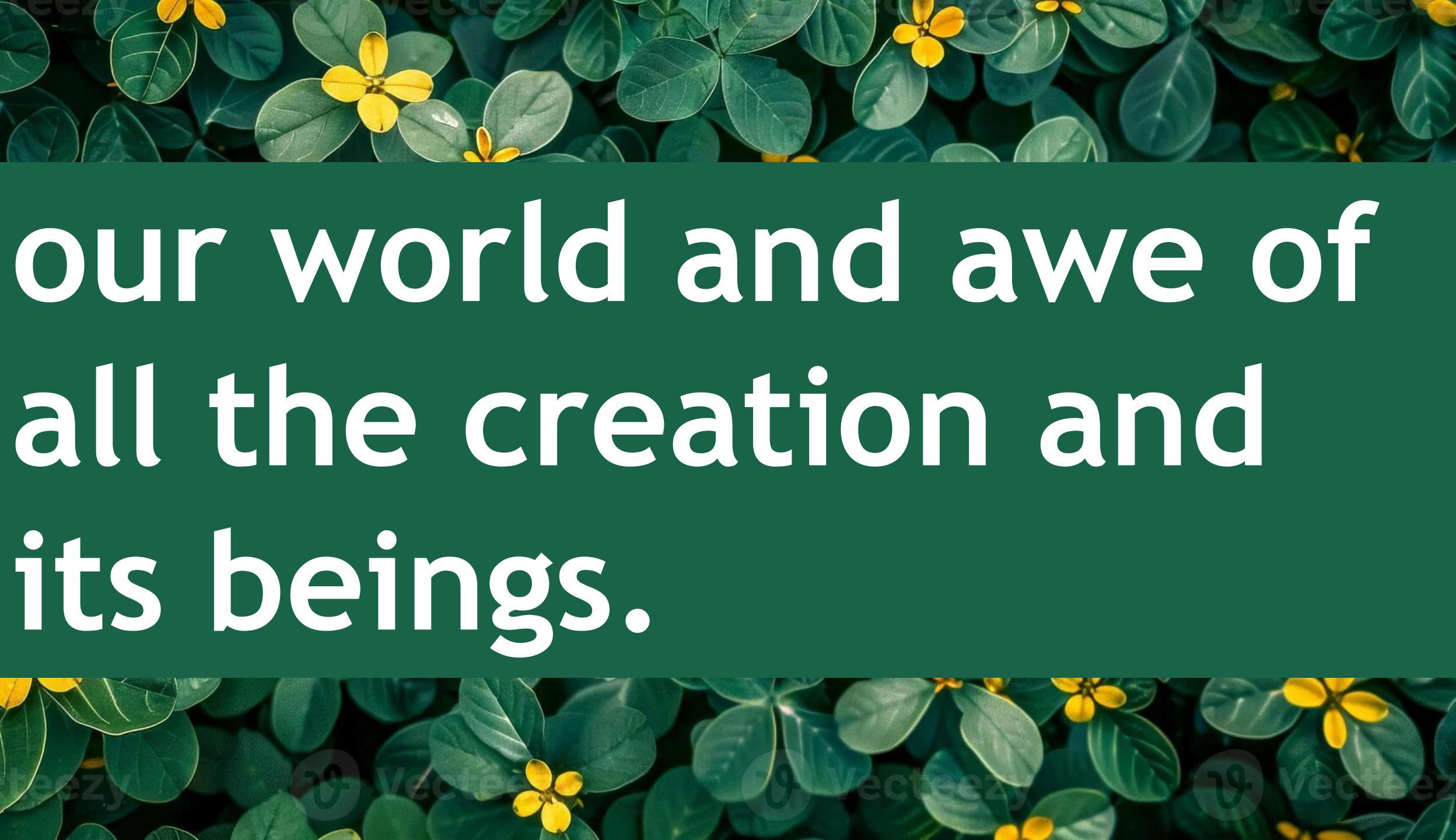
preconceptions, and
embracing the infinite
delight of this earth
and its beings. And
may the Creator

continue your
unfolding, the Christ
accompany your
deeper knowing, the
Spirit enliven your



growing, until one
day we all gather in
the Kingdom of Love.

All: Far from home,
we know we're
seeing, everywhere is
full of meaning;
different folks expand



our world and awe of
all the creation and
its beings.

*Thank you for
joining us
in worship!*

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