

Responsive Prayer of Thanksgiving and Forgiveness

L: We give you thanks and praise, Oh God of creation, for the grandeur of all that you have made, saying

P: We thank you, God.

L: For the healing waters of creation which bring pleasure and health, purity and life.

P: We thank you, God.

L: For the richness of the good Earth that brings forth fruits and flowers, a pleasure to taste and a joy to behold.

P: We thank you, God.

L: For the soaring birds of the air, the crawling creatures on the Earth, the gliding fishes in the sea and for all creatures great and small.

P: We thank you, God.

L: For the invigorating sunlight of day, the deepening mystery of night, the wonder of the stars.

P: We thank you, God.

L: From heedless misuse and dishonoring of the wonders of your hand, for squandering resources, and polluting the habitat we all share.

P: Good Lord, deliver us.

L: For the courage and wisdom to confess how little we have cared for your whole creation.

P: Strengthen us, O God.

L: For the conviction that you have called us to love and restore the Earth and for the determination to begin our stewardship anew.

P: Strengthen us, O God.

L: O merciful Creator, make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we may be faithful stewards of your good gifts.

P: Amen.

Celebrating and Caring for Creation

Otterbein United Methodist Church

June 2, 2024

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Here I Am to Worship* Christina Santiago

*Greeting (*from Psalm 96*) Ginny Whitehill

L: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;

P: Let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

L: Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;

P: Let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

*Opening Prayer Ginny Whitehill

*Opening Hymn *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Children's Time in Worship Larry Clark

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Forgiveness Betty Redmond

Scripture Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Sermon "REST" Rev. Adam Blagg

Special Music *How Great Thou Art* Christina Santiago

Offering

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication Barb German

Pastoral Prayer

*Closing Hymn *This Is My Father's World*

Benediction Vicki Gaines

147 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain (Unison)

All things bright and beau-ti-ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won-der-ful: the Lord God made them all.

1. Each lit-tle flower that o-pens, each lit-tle bird that sings,
 2. The pur-ple-head-ed moun-tains, the riv-er run-ning by,
 3. The cold wind in the win-ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
 4. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

WORDS: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848 (Gen. 1:31)
 MUSIC: 17th cent. English melody; arr. by Martin Shaw, 1915

ROYAL OAK
 76.76 with Refrain

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

144 This Is My Father's World

1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears all
 2. This is my Fa-ther's world, the birds their car-ols raise, the
 3. This is my Fa-ther's world. O let me ne'er for-get that

na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.
 morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their mak-er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the
 This is my Fa-ther's world: why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
 rust-ling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-ery-where.
 Lord is King; let the heav-ens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

WORDS: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901
 MUSIC: Trad. English melody; adapt. by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

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