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\*Means you are **invited to stand** if able and comfortable.

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WE GATHER TOGETHER

**Prelude** Harlan Otter

**Words to Ponder:**

“Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness.’..  
God saw everything that God had made, and, indeed, it was very good.”

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit** "The Adventure Begins: A Journey of Faith" Bell Choir  
By Ron Mallory

**\*Call to Worship** Patty Dayton

For the “many-ness” of God’s creative splendor,

**let us give thanks.**

Before Jesus’ humility,  
and the power of Christ’s commands,

**let us stand in wonder.**

For the mystery of relationships—God’s with us, and ours with one another,

**let us seek God’s holy wisdom.**

Come! Let us worship the Triune God.

**\*Opening Prayer**

You are One, O God, and you are Three.

You are majesty and mystery.

Make us ever in your image, we pray.

Make us one.

Make us “we.” Amen.

**\*Hymn of Praise** “Morning Has Broken” UMH#145

**\*Passing of the Peace Of Christ** Pastor Ed

**Children’s Message** Pastor Ed

WE HEAR THE WORD

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)** Patty Dayton

God of creation, we often imagine we must go it alone.

Remind us, at such moments, of the “we” in your creation, the Three in our baptism, and the “one another” in our community.

Comfort and empower us, as we gather in your Spirit.

Amen.

**Words of Assurance** Pastor Ed

**Hymn of Response** “Holy Spirit Come Confirm Us” UMH#331

**Scripture Reading**

Genesis 1:2-2:4a

Patty Dayton

**2** the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God<sup>[a]</sup> swept over the face of the waters. **3** Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

**6** And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” **7** So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. **8** God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

**9** And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. **10** God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. **11** Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. **12** The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. **13** And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

**14** And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, **15** and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. **16** God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. **17** God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, **18** to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. **19** And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

**20** 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.” **21** 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. **22** God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” **23** And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

**24** 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. **25** 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.

**26** Then God said, “Let us make humans<sup>[b]</sup> 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<sup>[c]</sup> and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

**27** So God created humans<sup>[d]</sup> in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;<sup>[e]</sup>  
male and female he created them.

**28** 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.” **29** 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. **30** 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. **31** God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

**2** Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. **2** On the sixth<sup>[4]</sup> day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. **3** So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

**4** These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

#### Another Account of the Creation

In the day that the LORD<sup>[6]</sup> God made the earth and the heavens,

*(Interlude)*

#### \*Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Patty Dayton

#### The Commissioning of the Disciples

**16** Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. **17** When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. **18** And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit **20** and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."<sup>[2]</sup>

#### Reflecting on God's Message

"It's the Stuff on the Inside."

Pastor Ed

#### Prayers of the People

#### Invitation of the Offering

Pastor Ed

#### Offertory Anthem

"Come, Holy Spirit"

by William Gaither

Chancel Choir

#### \*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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

UMH #95

#### Offering Prayer

Gracious God, Holy Trinity, we offer these gifts and ourselves as instruments of your ever-new creation.

Amen.

Pastor Ed

#### COMMUNION

#### Communion Anthem

"One Bread, One Body"

UMH#620

#### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

#### \*Sending Hymn

"All Creatures of our God and King"

UMH#62

#### Benediction

#### Postlude

Harlan Otter



\* Martin, John, 1789-1854. Creation of Light

# First Sunday after Pentecost

## 6.4.2023 | 9:30 am

*You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song, and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ.*

**Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here!**

**Whatever your gender identity, age, race, religious background, economic status, sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.**

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