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UNITED METHODIST

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Second Sunday after Pentecost

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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Gathering Music

For the Beauty of the Earth

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Call to Worship

One: The psalmist declares, “Lord, you have searched me and known me.” Will you open yourselves to be searched by God?

All: Search us, O God, and know our hearts.

One: God searches you, knows you, and loves you, and invites you to search out God in return. Will you seek the heart of God?

All: We will search you, O God, to know your heart.

One: The Triune God who creates all and knows all is revealed in running rivers and fluttering butterflies, in warm sunshine and the smell of the earth. Will you pay attention?

All: We will pay attention, O God, to your fingerprint of love on all of creation.

One: Open our hearts today to encounter your love, holiness, and glory that create and sustain all that was, is, and will be.

All: We come today to enter the dance of the Trinity, the creative Creator and Sustainer of life.

Introit

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

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Welcome

† Opening Hymn

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

UMH 152

1. I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God’s command, and all the stars obey.
2. I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,
who formed the creatures thru the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where’er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

3. There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care;
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

Blessing for Young Hearts

Prayers of the People

*A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying.
Online Worshipers may type prayer requests in the Live Chat, taking care for privacy.*

Pastoral Prayer

WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (CEB)

Even from far away, you comprehend my plans.
You study my traveling and resting.
You are thoroughly familiar with all my ways.
There isn't a word on my tongue, Lord,

Lord, you have examined me.
You know me.
You know when I sit down and when I stand up.

that you don't already know completely.
You surround me—front and back.
You put your hand on me.
That kind of knowledge is too much for me;
it's so high above me that I can't reach it.

You are the one who created my innermost parts;
you knit me together while I was still in my mother's womb.
I give thanks to you that I was marvelously set apart.
Your works are wonderful—I know that very well.
My bones weren't hidden from you
when I was being put together in a secret place,
when I was being woven together in the deep parts of the earth.
Your eyes saw my embryo,
and on your scroll every day was written that was being formed for me,
before any one of them had yet happened.
God, your plans are incomprehensible to me!

Their total number is countless!
If I tried to count them—they outnumber grains of sand!
If I came to the very end—I'd still be with you.

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen

Anthem

Creation Hymn

Craig Courtney
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Message

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Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Largo

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† **Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

Prayer of Confession

All: I come before God knowing that “confession is good for the soul.” But the thought of opening up before you is overwhelming. At times, I cannot bear to remember how often I have gone astray. At other times, I cloud my memory, justifying what I know is wrong in your sight. I cannot trust myself to confess my sins as often as I should. I need you to help me to be honest. So, like the psalmist, I say, “Search me Lord.” You know me. You know my thoughts. You know where I have been and where I am going. Search me, Lord; and if there is any wicked way in me, deliver me and lead me into righteousness.

One: Receive these words of assurance. The Lord is slow to anger and quick to forgive. The cleansing power of the Holy Spirit is here today. Receive God’s forgiveness and the Holy Spirit’s cleansing. Live now in the newness of life afforded children of God. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

Musical Setting A

UMH 17

Online worshipers are invited to select elements including bread and juice (or similar) from their homes to participate in Holy Communion. Please wait until directed before receiving your elements.

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

Communion Song

A Place at the Table

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Prayer After Communion

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

† Closing Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful

UMH 147

Refrain

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.

Refrain

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

2. The purple-headed mountains, the river running by,
the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky.

Refrain

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

3. The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one.

Refrain

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

4. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

Refrain

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

† **Benediction**

Postlude

Bryllupsdag pa Trolldhaugen

Edvard Grieg
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