

**LAKEVIEW UNITED CHURCH**  
September 26, 2021 Season of Creation  
Worship Leader: Karen Cartmell

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Territory Acknowledgment**

**\*Call to Community**

Today we come together to celebrate the Season of Creation:

Like the roots of a strong oak, God is under our feet

**Like the stars in the night sky, God is over our heads.**

Like the sun on the horizon, God is ever before us.

**Like the gentle rain falling, God's love is filling our hearts.**

Like the wings of an eagle, we open our arms to care for this world

**Like the river which runs to the ocean, we know that our home is in God.**

As we gather for worship today, may we feel surrounded by the presence of God.

**We are filled with joy, and peace, and happiness. Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gathering Song: 409 Voices United, *Morning Has Broken***

**\*Opening Prayer:** (adapted R Bott, Gathering Pent 1 2021 p 45, used with permission)

God, as we are gathered together today in this beautiful sanctuary,

**We give you thanks and praise**

For the beauty of the day, for those who love us, and for those whom we love

**We give you thanks and praise**

For the knowledge of your presence, and the gift of your love

**We give you thanks and praise**

Bless us in this time together,

**That we might have open hearts, open spirits, and open lives.**

In Christ's name, we pray. **Amen**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Contemporary Poem – *Wild Geese* by Mary Oliver**

**Prayer for the Care of Creation VU #311**

**\*Hymn:** 766 Voices United, *As the Deer Pants for the Water*

**Scripture Lessons :** Genesis 2: 4-15, Psalms 84 & 24

**Music for Reflection:** *Valleys of Green*

**Reflection:** Season of Creation

**Affirmation of Faith** – A New Creed – VU p918

**\*Hymn:** 296 Voices United, *This is God's Wondrous World*

**Our Offerings are Blessed and Offering Music:** 516 Voices United, *Come, You Thankful People, Come (verse 1)*

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn:** 242 Voices United, *Let All Things Now Living*

**\*Benediction**

And now into the Creator's world we go  
To continue our walk with Christ  
In all the places life calls us to be.

Let us go with joy

**For God calls us to participate in Creation**

Let us go with purpose

**For God equips us to do the work to which we are called**

Let us go with hope

**For God will show us the places we are most needed.**

As we leave this place,  
Remember that God is with you, each and every day  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Benediction Response:** 969 Voices United, *Amen (X2)*

**Postlude**