

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*

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