



December 10, 2023 – Heaven and Nature Sing

Say the word “nature” and we immediately think of the beauty that surrounds us. Mountains beginning to be covered in snow, blue skies and sunshine, even in winter the beauty is still there! And there are lessons that nature teaches us about the love and beauty Jesus brought! Join us this weekend as we realize we are a part of the nature that brings glory to God!

Scripture:

Psalm 19 NLT

The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. ²Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. ³They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard. ⁴Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world. God has made a home in the heavens for the sun. ⁵It bursts forth like a radiant bridegroom after his wedding. It rejoices like a great athlete eager to run the race. ⁶The sun rises at one end of the heavens and follows its course to the other end. Nothing can hide from its heat. ⁷The instructions of the Lord are perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. ⁸The commandments of the Lord are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are clear, giving insight for living. ⁹Reverence for the Lord is pure, lasting forever. The laws of the Lord are true; each one is fair. ¹⁰They are more desirable than gold, even the finest gold. They are sweeter than honey, even honey dripping from the comb. ¹¹They are a warning to your servant, a great reward for those who obey them. ¹²How can I know all the sins lurking in my heart? Cleanse me from these hidden faults. ¹³Keep your servant from deliberate sins! Don't let them control me. Then I will be free of guilt and innocent of great sin. ¹⁴May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

John 1:1-5 NLT

In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He existed in the beginning with God. ³God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. ⁴The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish.

Questions:

- What is one of the most beautiful places you've ever seen? What makes it so beautiful for you?
- What do you notice about God's created world when you slow down enough to really see it? For instance, the star captured the wisemen's attention...what would it take to capture your attention?
- This week, take 15 minutes and be still, in the midst of God's creation – whether that's standing on a mountain, watching your baby sleeping, watching falling snow. As you do this, think about the beauty and glory that is being shouted out in God's name and then, ask yourself – how am I showing beauty and shouting glory to God's name?

Reading for the Week:

Monday: Luke 2:13-15

Tuesday: James 1:17-18

Wednesday: Zechariah 9:9

Thursday: John 1:29

Friday: Matthew 1:18-23