

April 21, 2024 at 11:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting

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April 21, 2024

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
Creation Celebration

Traditional

*We are called by Jesus Christ to worship, make disciples, and serve.*

Welcome

Rev. Carol L. Pazdersky

Centering our Hearts on God

*“The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.” Psalm 24:1-2*

Prelude

“Reflections of Peace”  
Chapel Bells

J. Krug

\*Call to Worship

John Gregory

One: May the warm winds of heaven blow softly on our house.

**All: May the Great Spirit bless all who enter here.**

*(Traditional Cherokee Nation Prayer)*

\*Hymn of Praise

“At the Dawn of Your Creation”

Tune: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824 ("Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee")

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At the dawn of your creation, God, you spoke, "Let there be light!"  
You divided earth from heaven, you created day and night.  
You made sunbeams dance with shadows, you created energy!  
Peaceful evenings, bright tomorrows, all began with "Let there be..."

By your word, you formed creation: dry land, water, ocean breeze.  
Soon there burst forth vegetation — plants with fruit, majestic trees.  
Rain and snow and changing seasons, creatures filling land and sea —  
God, your very good creation all began with "Let there be..."

When you made us as your children, sending us throughout your lands,  
You commanded, "Have dominion — care for earth; it's in your hands."  
Yet we hurt this world you've given; we harm earth and sky and sea.  
We forget it's your creation — you, who once said "Let there be..."

At this joyful celebration, may we hear your word anew: \*  
May we care for your creation, knowing it's a trust from you.  
Just as daily there's a dawning, bringing light to all we see,  
So we daily hear your calling — you, who once said, "Let there be..."

Opening Prayer (*Traditional Dakota Tribe Prayer*)

**Great Spirit, you have always been, and before you nothing has been. There is no one to pray to but you. The star nations all over the heaven are yours, and yours are the grasses of the earth. You are older than all need, older than all pain and prayer. Great Spirit, will us with light. Give us strength to understand and eyes to see. Teach us to walk the soft earth as relatives to all that live. Help us, for without you we are nothing. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with.

He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

Old Testament Lesson

Psalms 148

UMH 861

Anthem

“Look at the World”  
*Chancel Choir*

J. Rutter

\*Gospel

Matthew 6:25-33

“Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore, do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed, your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Message

*Hymn of Response	“This Is My Father’s World”	UMH 144
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Offering our Best to God

Offertory	“This Is My Father’s World”	T. Patris
	Chapel Bells	

*Doxology with Alleluias		UMH 94
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\*Prayer of Dedication (*based on the writings of John Wesley*)

**Lord, we owe all that we are and all that we have to you. We are grateful that you have entrusted us with care for your Creation – the natural resources, the creatures of sea, earth, and sky, and your children. As your stewards, we do not use your gifts as we please, but as you desire. Keep us ever mindful of this sacred responsibility. Bless the offerings of the day and use them to care for all you have made. In Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Sharing our Lives

Community Prayer

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**

\*Hymn of Joy

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

UMH 144

\*Blessing (based on Genesis 49:25-26)

Postlude

“Rejoice, All ye Believers”

R. Mallory

Chapel Bells

***Also serving the community in worship:***

Greeters/Ushers – Anita Obinger, Winston Bain & Barbara Thompson

Acolytes – Ethan Morrow & Briella Almony

Tech Support – Jacob Smith (XP), Winston Bain & Hannah Warren (11:00), Cheryl Kempler (ZOOM)

Counting Team – Cheryl Kempler, Joyce Kraft, Anita Obinger

Sunday School Superintendents – Michele Taylor & Cheryl Welsh

Adult Studies Facilitator – Sue Garrison

Window Candles for the month of April  
are dedicated in celebration of  
Susan & Earl Smith’s  
50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**Camp Chapel Community Yard Sale**  
Saturday June 1, 8 am to 1 pm (Rain Date June 8)

Registrations are available online only. The cost is \$22 per space. For detailed information and registration, click the link below:

<https://campchapel.org/event/june-1st-yard-sale/>

Or scan the QR code ►



Complete the registration form, agree to the Vendor Lease Agreement, and submit your payment. You will receive an email confirmation. Spaces will be assigned, and you will be notified. You may request a specific space, but it is NOT guaranteed. For questions contact Barbara Thompson at [barbara7916@msn.com](mailto:barbara7916@msn.com)