

In  
the  
beginning...

God

*“Continuing the work of Jesus.  
Peacefully. Simply. Together.”*



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## Welcome

### Organ Prelude

### *My God and King*

George Elvey

*My God and King* by George Job Elvey, Roger C. Wilson

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## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

### \* Call to Worship

Genesis 1

- One: Let us remember what our God has done!  
Many: **God created the world out of a formless void.**  
One: Let us remember what our God has done!  
Many: **God made every animal and plant, bird and fish.**  
One: Let us remember what our God has done!  
Many: **God created people in the image of God.**  
One: Let us remember what our God has done!  
Many: **God has made us caretakers of the earth.**  
One: Let us complete our task in faithfulness.

### \* Opening Prayer

Rev. Mindi

Architect of the Universe, Your voice called out over the deep and darkness and brought forth light. Your voice called out over the waters and brought forth life. Your voice called out over this earth and brought forth our very beings. Your voice continues to call out in our Universe and bring new hope and new life.

Help us to hear Your voice above the hum of the highway and the buzz of the business talk. Help us to hear Your voice in the cries of children, in the soft tones of the sick, in the pleas of the poor. May we hear, listen, and respond to Your voice in our lives and in our world. In Your name we pray. Amen.

## \* Opening Hymn

## *God of Wonders*

# 178 VT

*God of Wonders* arranged by Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong

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*Verse 1:* Lord of all creation,  
of water, earth, and sky,  
the heavens are your tabernacle.  
Glory to the Lord on high!

*Refrain:* *God of wonders beyond our galaxy,  
you are holy, holy.  
The universe declares your majesty;  
you are holy, holy.  
Lord of heaven and earth,  
Lord of heaven and earth.*

*Verse 2:* Early in the morning,  
I will celebrate the light.  
When I stumble in the darkness  
I will call your name by night.

*Refrain:*

Bridge: Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.  
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.  
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.

*Refrain:* *God of wonders beyond our galaxy,  
you are holy, holy.*

## CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

### Time with our Children

*(afterwards children may go to Children's Church)*

### New Testament Reading

Romans 1:20a *(NRSVUE)*

<sup>20</sup> Ever since the creation of the world God's eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been seen and understood through the things God has made.

*Verse 1:* This is God's wondrous world,  
and to my list'ning ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is God's wondrous world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,  
the wonders God has wrought.

*Verse 2:* This is God's wondrous world;  
the birds their carols raise,  
the morning light, the dark of night,  
declare their Maker's praise.  
This is God's wondrous world;  
a wand'rer I may roam.  
Whate'er my lot, it matters not,  
my heart is still at home.

*Verse 3:* This is God's wondrous world;  
oh, let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is God's wondrous world;  
the battle is not done.  
Jesus who died shall be glorified,  
and earth and heav'n be one.

## Pastoral Prayer

### WORSHIP IN GIVING

## Thoughts on Giving

Psalm 24:1 adapted

The earth's is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him. Let us give back a portion of what God, in all God's graciousness, has given us.

# LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

## Organ Special Music

*Andante*

Edward MacDowell

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## Scripture Lesson

Genesis 1:1-2 (*NRSVUE*)

I When God began to create the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

## Response to the Word

*Ancient Words*

Lynn DeShazo

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Holy words long preserved  
for our walk in this world,  
They resound with God's own heart  
Oh, let the Ancient words impart.

Words of Life, words of Hope  
Give us strength, help us cope  
In this world, where e'er we roam  
Ancient words will guide us Home.

*Chorus: Ancient words ever true  
Changing me, and changing you.  
We have come with open hearts  
Oh let the ancient words impart.*

Holy words of our Faith  
Handed down to this age.  
Came to us through sacrifice  
Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved  
for our walk in this world,  
They resound with God's own heart  
Oh, let the Ancient words impart.



**\* Benediction**

- One: God has accomplished marvelous things!
- Many: **We are part of creation’s fulfillment.**
- One: Let us go in new appreciation for the works of God’s hands.
- Many: **We are part of creation’s fulfillment.**
- One: Let us work to restore the earth’s perfect balance and beauty.
- Many: **We are part of creation’s fulfillment.**
- One: Let us live as faithful disciples, telling all what God has done.
- Many: **We are part of creation’s fulfillment.**
- One: And remember that Jesus is always with us, to the end of the age.
- Many: **We are part of creation’s fulfillment.**

**Piano Postlude**      *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*      Hughes/Hastings

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land;  
 I am weak, but Thou are mighty; Hold me with thy powerful hand.  
 Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more,  
 Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing waters flow;  
 Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through;  
 Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield;  
 Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield.

\* Please stand as able and led



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|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Ministers .....       | All Members    | Flautist .....           | Sarah Hartman |
| Pastor.....           | David Whitten  | Guitarist .....          | David Whitten |
| Worship Leader .....  | Floyd Herdrich | Pianist/Organist .....   | Bob Phillips  |
| Children’s Time ..... | Sarah Hartman  | Violinist .....          | Bill Kinzie   |
| Reader .....          | Freda Wilkins  | Media & Tech Director... | Kevin Beers   |