Youth Sunday

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This service was inspired by the question,
"How do we meet God?"

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God Meets Us When We Gather

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE — Henry Mills

PRELUDE — *Clair de Lune* — Debussy
(Devin Gulliver, piano)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** — James Harrington

By faith, we trust that we are created in God's image.
By faith, we hope and dream and make plans.
By faith, we face our fears and insecurities.
By faith, we follow where God leads.
By faith, we trust that God is present with us.
By faith, we gather to worship God.

***SONG OF PRAISE** — *Indescribable* — Story

Verse 1

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
Creation's revealing your majesty.
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring,
Every creature unique in the song that it sings,
All exclaiming . . .

Chorus 1

Indescribable, uncontainable!
You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name.
You are amazing, God.
All powerful, untamable!
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim:
You are amazing, God.

Verse 2

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go,
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?
None can fathom... **(Chorus 1)**

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**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Chorus 2

Indescribable, uncontainable!
You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name.
You are amazing God.
Incomparable, unchangeable!
You see the depths of my heart and you love me the same.
You are amazing God.

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God Meets Us Where We Are

CALL TO CONFESSION — Caroline Clissold, Daniel Clissold

The beauty of Church is that we don't have to pretend anything.
No one here is perfect; no one has to be.
Here we can tell the truth about our lives,
knowing that God's love covers all of us.
Will you pray with me?

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we want to know you,
but life is full of distractions and responsibilities
and we forget to make time to listen.

Sometimes we ignore the people who need our care.
We keep quiet when we should speak up.
We don't take risks because we might seem foolish.

Come to us now.
Quiet our anxious thoughts,
and fill us with courage.
Help us discover your love as we share it with others.

(A moment for silent listening)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The good news is this: we don't have to be afraid of anything.
God's love is more than we will ever need, and love keeps no record of wrongs.
As God's forgiven people, let's stand as we are able, to sing our praise:

***SONG OF JOY** — *Multiplied* — Needtobreathe

Verse

Your love is . . . like radiant diamonds
Bursting inside us—we cannot contain;
Your love will . . . surely come find us
Like blazing wild fires singing your name!

Chorus

God of mercy, sweet love of mine,
I have surrendered to your design.
May this offering stretch across the skies,
These hallelujahs be multiplied.

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST** — Daniel Clissold, Caroline Clissold

Because there's a whole world out there that needs to learn a better way, we have work to do. So, let's practice sharing the peace we discover in Jesus' name.

The peace of the Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

God Meets Us As We Listen

CHILDREN'S MOMENT — Henry Mills, Daniel Clissold, Caroline Clissold

SONG OF THE CHILDREN — *This Little Light Of Mine* — Traditional

Clare Copa, Georgia Cotter, Andrew Harrington, Charlotte Harrington, Alice Mills, Lochlan Watson, Oliver Watson, Charlie Weitekamp, Wells Weitekamp

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Abby Clissold

SCRIPTURE — Matthew 22:35-40 — Abby Clissold

REFLECTION — *God Meets Us In Relationship* — Abby Clissold

SCRIPTURE — Genesis 2:19 — Hazel Landers

REFLECTION — *God Meets Us In The Creative Process* — Hazel Landers

God Meets Us In The World

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** — From *Confession of 1967*, Patrick Monahan

We believe that God has created the world of space and time
to be the sphere of his dealings with humankind.
In its beauty and vastness,
sublimity and awfulness,
order and disorder,
the world reflects to the eye of faith
the majesty and mystery of its Creator.
We believe that God has created us for personal relationship
in which we may respond to the love of the Creator.
Life is a gift to be received with gratitude
and a task to be pursued with courage.

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 410** *God Is Calling Through The Whisper*

God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs,
Through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder:
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?

God is calling through the voices of our neighbors' urgent prayers,
Through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.
Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading:
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?

God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,
Through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.
Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing:
God is calling—and we hear! God is calling—and we hear!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Devin Gulliver, Quinn Gulliver

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 debts as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The World Meets God In Us

***SENDING SONG** *Kingdom Come* Fielding

Verse 1

Your love reaches out to us.
Your grace has drawn our hearts to you,
Drawn our hearts to you.
Your love grows inside of us.
Your word is life to all who hear,
Life to all who hear.

We run to you, run to you.

Verse 2

In you, death is overcome.
No power can stand against your name,
The power of your name.
In faith we will rise to be
Your hands and feet to all the earth,
Life to all the earth.

We run to you, run to you. **(Chorus)**

Chorus

Let your kingdom come, let your will be done;
You make all things new, all things new.
Let your healing flow as your people pray;
All the earth will say: Love has come!

***BENEDICTION** Daniel Clissold

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