



# SLOW SUMMER

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taking time to see the holy every day

## Homer United Methodist Church

In the Beginning

July 18, 2021

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### Centering

Rev. Lisa Talbott

#### \*Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>

Pastor Lisa

Creator God, out of overflowing love, you created all things with rich variety and great beauty. You created them. **You called them good.**

Plants and animals, land and sea, sun and moon and stars in the sky. You created them. **You called them good.**

You entrusted us with responsibility for them. You created them. **You called them good.**

Grant that we might so value all that you have given into our care that we may strive to sustain its blessings for all people through all time. You created them. **You called them good.**

Give us the grace to use them rightly, to your glory, for our own wellbeing, and for the relief of those in need. You created them. **You called them good.**

Help us be keepers and healers of the earth and all her people. You created them. **You called them good. Amen.**

### Opening Hymn

*For the Beauty*

Will Files

WORDS: Folliot Sandford Pierpoint

MUSIC: Conrad Cocher

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from prayers of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

[https://www.edow.org/files/9715/6644/0119/EDOW\\_Season\\_of\\_Creation\\_Materials\\_final.pdf](https://www.edow.org/files/9715/6644/0119/EDOW_Season_of_Creation_Materials_final.pdf)

\*indicates please stand as you are able.

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies;

*Refrain*

Lord of all to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon, and stars of light;

*Refrain*

3 For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild;

*Refrain*

**\*Prayer for Illumination**

Bryan Zak

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small. All things wise and wonderful, Lord God, you made them all. Open our eyes to the wonders of your creation and open our hearts to the glory of your Word. In the name of Jesus, the Word made flesh, we pray. Amen.

**\*Scripture**

Genesis 1:1-6, 26-31

Bryan Zak

1 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ...

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth,\* and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

<sup>27</sup> So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." <sup>29</sup> God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

\*indicates please stand as you are able.

**Song of Response***Come and Find the Quiet Center*

Will Files

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray

MUSIC: Attr to B.F.White

CCLI Song # 5263693

CCLI # 11365960

1 Come and find the quiet center  
 In the crowded life we lead,  
 Find the room for hope to enter,  
 Find the frame where we are freed:  
 Clear the chaos and the clutter,  
 Clear our eyes, that we can see  
 All the things that really matter,  
 Be at peace, and simply be.

3 In the Spirit let us travel,  
 Open to each other's pain,  
 Let our loves and fears unravel,  
 Celebrate the space we gain;  
 There's a place for deepest dreaming,  
 There's a time for heart to care,  
 In the Spirit's lively scheming  
 There is always room to spare!

2 Silence is a friend who claims us,  
 Cools the heat and slows the pace,  
 God it is who speaks and names us,  
 Knows our being, touches base,  
 Making space within our thinking,  
 Lifting shades to show the sun,  
 Raising courage when we're shrinking,  
 Finding scope for faith begun.

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Ruby Nofziger

**\*Prayers of the People<sup>2</sup>**

O Most High, all-powerful, good Lord God, to you belong praise, glory, honor and all blessing. Praise be to you, O God.

**Blessed be your name.**

Be praised, my Lord, for all your creation and especially for our Brother Sun, who brings us the day and the light; he is strong and shines magnificently. O Lord, we think of you when we look at him. Praise be to you, O God.

**Blessed be your name.**

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Moon, and for the stars which you have set shining and lovely in the heavens. Praise be to you, O God.

**Blessed be your name.**

Be praised, my Lord, for our Brothers Wind and Air and every kind of weather by which you, Lord, uphold life in all your creatures. Praise be to you, O God.

**Blessed be your name.**


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<sup>2</sup> Adapted from the Canticle of the Creatures, St. Francis of Assisi

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Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Water, who is very useful to us, and humble and precious and pure. Praise be to you, O God.

**Blessed be your name.**

Be praised, my Lord, for Brother Fire, through whom you give us light in the darkness: he is bright and lively and strong. Praise be to you, O God.

**Blessed be your name.**

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Earth, our Mother, who nourishes us and sustains us, bringing forth fruits and vegetables of many kinds and flowers of many colors. Praise be to you, O God.

**Blessed be your name.**

Be praised, my Lord, for those who forgive for love of you; and for those who bear sickness and weakness in peace and patience - you will grant them a crown. Praise be to you, O God.

**Blessed be your name.**

Be praised, my Lord, for our Sister Death, whom we must all face. I praise and bless you, Lord, and I give thanks to you, and I will serve you in all humility. Praise be to you, O God.

**Blessed be your name. Amen.**

#### **\*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.

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## Closing Song

WORDS: Civilla D. Martin, 1904  
MUSIC: W. Stillman Martin, 1905  
CCLI Song # 93645  
CCLI # 11365960

## God Will Take Care of You

Will Files

1 Be not dismayed whate'er betide,  
God will take care of you;  
Beneath His wings of love abide,  
God will take care of you.

### *Chorus*

God will take care of you,  
Through every day, o'er all the way;  
He will take care of you,  
God will take care of you.

2 Through days of toil when heart doth  
fail,  
God will take care of you;  
When dangers fierce your path assail,  
God will take care of you.

### *Chorus*

3 All you may need He will provide,  
God will take care of you;  
Nothing you ask will be denied,  
God will take care of you.

### *Chorus*

## **\*Benediction**

Go with the joy of the Lord on your lips.  
Go with the peace of God in your hearts.  
Go with the strength of the Holy Spirit in every step you take.  
Go forth in peace and love. Amen.