



SLOW SUMMER

taking time to see the holy every day

Homer United Methodist Church

Being Care-Full

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*Call to Worship¹

Pastor Lisa

Responses: Young and old, every generation! **Let us worship together.**

Calling all children of the Living God: the gospel is good news for every age and every stage. Young and old, every generation! **Let us worship together.**

The good news is proclaimed in God's words, and also with crayons and songs and snacks and play and rest. Young and old, every generation! **Let us worship together.**

After months of learning behind screens, we are eager to be together, but we still want to be cautious and careful. It can be frightening to be back together again, so we seek God's peace in the midst of our schools and classrooms and church as we learn how to live together in new ways. Young and old, every generation! **Let us worship together.**

*Opening Prayer

Opening Song

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Ola Mullikin & Marge Dunn

WORDS: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848

MUSIC: 17th cent. English melody; arr. by Martin Shaw, 1915

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¹ All liturgy adapted from Illustrated Faith Blessing of the Backpacks and Back-to-School Liturgy, <https://www.illustratedministry.com/2021/blessing-of-the-backpacks-back-to-school-worship-liturgy/>

*indicates please stand as you are able.

Refrain
All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
the Lord God made them all.

The purple headed mountains,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky
Refrain

Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
and made their tiny wings.
Refrain

God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell,
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well.
Refrain

***Prayer for Illumination**

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**

Mark 10:13-16

Larry Dunn

13 People were bringing little children to Jesus in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

Sermon

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Song of Response

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

Ola Mullikin & Marge Dunn

WORDS: William H. Parker, 1885
MUSIC: Frederick A. Challinor, 1903
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Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here;
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
all in the love-light of Jesus' face.

*indicates please stand as you are able.

Into the city I'd follow the children's band,
waving a branch of palm tree high in my hand;
one of His heralds, yes, I would sing
loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"

***Blessing of the Backpacks and Back to School Prayers**

***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 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* Ola Mullikin & Marge Dunn

WORDS: Reginald Heber, 1826

MUSIC: John B. Dykes, 1861

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Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, Blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

*indicates please stand as you are able.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

***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.