

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Prayers for Comfort and Strength:

Donna Kirby, the Tucker Family, Sue Robb, Bob Garrett, The Janus Family, Amy Eads, Elizabeth Hokama, Jim Whalen, Peter Stoterau, Bud Wilson, Tim Snyder, Susan Ambrose, Jonathan Brubaker, Jason Eil, the Mahannah Family, the Whalen Family, the Wilson Family.

Prayers for the World:

For Nepal, for the courageous firefighters, for all to be kind to one another, for justice, for all who are hungry across the country, for all of us to be light in the world.

Prayers for our loved ones serving in the Military:

Cody Boehler, Jessica Chable, Nathan Holloway, Daniel Macune, John Macune

Prayers for Our Connectional Churches:

First UMC of Lompoc, Pastor Eric Scott
Saint Andrew UMC, Pastor Eric Scott

Assisting in today's Worship Service:

Worship Leader: Amy Eads

Time with Children: Jamie Moran

Accompanist: Jeff Gibson

Song Leader: Sam Aranda, Juan Gonzalez, Liz Hoskinson

Tech Team: Mike Ambrose, Candis Hong, Jerry Hong,

Erica Whalen, Jim Whalen

Pastor: Rev. Rachel deBos-Haigler

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Director of Children's Ministries, Jamie Moran
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United Methodist Church of Thousand Oaks
Sunday, September 27, 2026 10:00am

Created Series: Week 3



CREATIVE

Reclaiming Divine Creativity

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: God created humanity in the divine image, stamping us with
sacred capacity.

**ALL: We carry the spark of the Divine Worker who delights
in creation!**

ONE: Wisdom was beside God at the beginning, playing and rejoicing
in the world.

**ALL: Divine imagination is woven into the very fabric of who
we are.**

ONE: Let us lay down the myth that we are uncreative or rigid.

**ALL: We come to reclaim our imagination, our curiosity, and
the joy of creating alongside God! Amen!**

*OPENING HYMN *This Little Light of Mine* UMH #585

MINISTRY MOMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

FIRST SCRIPTURE Proverbs 8:22-31

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Inspiring God, thank You for placing Your own creative spark
within us. Thank You for the delight, wisdom, and play that You
built into the foundations of the world. Forgive us for the times we
have stifled our imagination out of fear or expectation, and teach us
to step boldly into the creative identity You gave us. Amen.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:26-28

CENTERING SONG

SERMON

CREATED PRAYER STATION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *10,000 Reasons*

INVITATION TO GIVING

*DOXOLOGY *Breathe on Me Breath of God* UMH #420

A TIME FOR PRAYER

Personal Prayer and Reflection

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

*CLOSING HYMN *Blessed Be Your Name* W&S #3002

*BENEDICTION

GO IN PEACE

An excerpt from
*Sanctifying Art: Inviting Conversations between
Artists, Theologians, and the Church*
By Deborah Sokolove

“Once God created humans in the divine image, the human beings were immediately invited to join God in creative action by naming the animals and caring for the created order. Human beings are intended to be God’s helpers in the ongoing work of creation. To be made in the image and likeness of God is to participate in the creative process.

As God’s assistants, our own creative activity, especially when engaged in art making, is similar to that of God. The creation of humanity in God’s own image means that a human being thereby becomes a creator too, called to free spontaneous activity in fulfillment of the Creator’s inmost will.

If our creative potential is the evidence that we are made in the image and likeness of God, then the arts and the artists whose lives are given over to the creative process have something vital to say to the church.”