

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Prayers for Comfort and Strength:

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 Connectional Churches:

Lancaster UMC, Pastor Christian Washington
Scott UMC, Pastor Darrell Wesley

Assisting in today's Worship Service:

Worship Leader: Liz Hoskinson

Time with Children: Jamie Moran

Accompanist: Susanne Laningham

Song Leader: Juan Gonzalez

Tech Team: Mike Ambrose, Candis Hong, Jerry Hong,
Erica Whalen, Jim Whalen

Pastor: Rev. Rachel deBos-Haigler

A Note About the Gathering Music You Heard Before Worship:

In The Beginning Composer: Aaron Copland

Commissioned by Harvard University in 1947, Aaron Copland's *In the Beginning* uses the classic King James Version of Genesis 1:1-2:7 to tell the story of the seven days of creation. Performed entirely *a cappella* (without instruments) by a solo singer and full choir, the piece weaves together traditional Jewish prayer rhythms with subtle influences of jazz and blues. Rather than repeating musical themes, the music constantly unfolds with fresh melody for seventeen minutes, mirroring the brand-new mystery of creation itself. The only familiar landmark throughout the journey is a gentle, recurring phrase that marks the end of each day: "*and it was good.*"

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United Methodist Church of Thousand Oaks
Sunday, September 6, 2026 10:00am

Created Series: Week 1



CREATOR

Honoring God's Infinite Imagination

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Look up at the skies! Look around at the vastness of creation!

**ALL: Our God is a God of infinite imagination and
boundless wonder!**

ONE: Out of chaos and darkness, God spoke light, order, and life
into motion.

**ALL: Ocean depths and starlit skies sing of the Divine
Creator's power.**

ONE: We are surrounded by a world dripping with beauty and
wild variety.

**ALL: We gather to praise the Master Creator who paints the
universe with grace! Amen!**

*OPENING HYMN *How Great Thou Art* vs 1 & 2 UMH #77

MINISTRY MOMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 104:24-30

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God of wonder, thank You for a world dripping with color,
texture, and life. Thank You for the wild expanse of the seas,
the rhythm of the skies, and the endless variety of creation.
Open our eyes this morning to see Your artistic hand in
everything around us, and awaken our sense of awe. Amen.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:1-5, 20-25

SERMON

CREATED PRAYER STATION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *All Things Bright and Beautiful* vs 1 & 2
UMH #147

INVITATION TO GIVING

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

A TIME FOR PRAYER

Personal Prayer and Reflection

Pastoral Prayer

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and
earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and
was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He
rose again; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand
of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the
dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection
of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

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

*BENEDICTION

GO IN PEACE

