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Community Worship
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**Gathering:**

Welcome and Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn: "This Is My Mother’s World" (page 4)

**Centering**

Scripture Reading:

Marlena Del Hierro (MDiv ’16)
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John Mark Brown (MDiv ’15)
Chelsea Yarborough (MDiv ’15)
Keith Menhinick (MDiv ’15)

Prayer: "Litany of Praise to God for Creation"

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. God said, "Let there be light" and there was light, in all its spectrums – visible light, UV light, X-rays and gamma rays – light with its enormous power.

**We praise you God, for light, the source of energy for all living creatures.**

Then God said "Let the earth put forth vegetation" and there was vegetation able to use energy from light to synthesize nourishment for all living creatures.

**We thank you, O God for interdependence of light, plant, and animal; we marvel at your evolving creation.**

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky" and there came to be a universe of galaxies with intricate complexities!

**We praise you, O God, as we share and benefit from cycles of sun and moon, and as we ponder the worlds beyond us.**

And God said "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky" and all living creatures came forth evolving from amoebas to amphibians, from fish to reptiles and mammals.

**We praise you, O God, for the glorious diversity of all that lives.**
And God created humankind in the divine image, in the divine image God created them: and humankind grew in wisdom and intellect and freedom, and learned to love their maker.

We praise you, O God for creating us in your image and entrusting us with stewardship of all you have made.
Let us work with you to extend your creativity in the world for the benefit of all; Let us rest in you to grow ever more confident in your goodness, and to celebrate that goodness evolving throughout all creation. Amen.
This Is My Mother’s World

This is my Mother’s world
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres

This is my Mother’s world
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas
Her hand the wonders wrought

This is my Mother’s world
The birds their carols raise
The morning light, the lily white
Declare their maker’s praise

This is my Mother’s world
She shines in all that’s fair
In the rustling grass, I hear her pass
She speaks to me everywhere

This is my Mother’s world
Oh, let me never forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong
God is the ruler yet

This is my Mother’s world
Why should my heart be sad?
Love reigns supreme, let the heavens ring
God reigns, let the earth be glad

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus:
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Chorus

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, our burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away our sin.

Chorus

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Chorus
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