

# **WORSHIP GUIDE for SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

## **SETTING YOUR SPACE**

Last Sunday we hinted at it, but this Sunday we're starting our delight/play/joy series for real. We're beginning at the beginning - in Genesis, where God calls the world and everything in it (in Lisa Sharon Harper's rendition of the creation story) "forcefully good, vehemently good, abundantly good." That's something, huh?

Each week during this series, you'll be invited to answer a new question - either in the comments online or on a bulletin board in the sanctuary - so here's a chance to think ahead about that, if you want to. This week's question: *What fills you with a sense of goodness and delight?* . . . Hopefully it brings a smile to your face just to consider how (many ways?) you might answer that question. Come Sunday ready to share, and we'll celebrate all of that, and know ourselves as objects of God's delight, too.

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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Prelude - Geoff Clayton, Pianist**

**Welcome - Rev. Erika Marksbury, Senior Pastor**

**Gathering Song: *Here in This Place* (Blue Book)**

**- Heidi Toth, Dave King, Geoff Clayton**

**Gathering Prayer & Communal Prayer from Matthew 6**

**- Kristy Blaha & Cynthia Parker**

**- Music from Cindy Miller**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## **Children's Time – Sean P. Williams, Children's & Youth Minister**

### **Scripture: Genesis 1, selected verses**

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. But the earth became chaos and emptiness, and darkness came over the face of the Deep – yet the Spirit of God was brooding over the surface of the waters. Then God said, “Light: Be!” And light was. Evening came and morning followed – the first day.*

*Then God said: “Now make an expanse between the waters – separate water from water!” So it was. Evening came and morning followed – the second day.*

*Then God said, “Waters under the sky: be gathered into one place! Dry ground: appear!” So it was. And God saw that this was good. Then God said, “Earth: produce vegetation – plants that scatter their own seeds, and every kind of fruit tree.” So it was. And God saw that this was good. Evening came, and morning followed – the third day.*

*Then God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky! Separate day from night!” So it was. God made the two great lights, then God made the stars as well. And God saw that this was good. And evening came, and morning followed – the fourth day.*

*God then said, “Waters: swarm with an abundance of living beings! Birds: fly above the earth in the open expanse of the sky!” And so it was. God saw that this was good, and blessed them. Evening came and morning followed – the fifth day.*

*Then God said, “Earth: bring forth all kinds of living souls: cattle and things that crawl and all kinds of wild animals!” So God made all kinds*

*of animals, and God saw that this was good. Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, to be like us – stewards of all of this.” Humankind was created as God’s reflection. God blessed them, and entrusted them with all that is. And God looked at all of this creation, and proclaimed that this was good – very good. Evening came, and morning followed – the sixth day.*

**Sermon: “And It Was Good” – Rev. Erika Marksbury**

**Response Song: *Here I Am, Lord* (Blue Book)  
– Heidi Toth, Dave King, Geoff Clayton**

**Reach of Our Gifts:  
Safe Families for Children / AMOS Health & Hope  
– Vicki Cartwright / Jennifer Scott**

**Closing Words**

**Going Forth Song: *All Things Bright and Beautiful* (NC Hymnal #31)  
– Heidi Toth, Dave King, Geoff Clayton**

**Benediction – Rev. Erika Marksbury**  
One: Friends, ... may the peace of Christ be with you.  
All: And also with you.

**Postlude – Geoff Clayton**

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Head to the courtyard after worship or join this zoom meeting –  
<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/82648729106?pwd=MohyNURvZoNSEtJxNEZwdE5uOFVlZzo9>  
Meeting ID: 826 4872 9106  
Passcode: 624320

Find your local number: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/kyWYCGcHN>

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