

## Order of Worship for September 1, 2021

Prelude	Josh Pepper
Welcome	Jarrold Davis
Musical Call to Worship	Josh Pepper
Opening Prayer	Jarrold Davis

***Heavenly Father, as the birds sing their songs claiming a piece of the earth where they live, let the claims of our lives also be songs of thanks that you have provided for our needs and taken our hearts into your own, through the work of Jesus Christ. Amen.***

Hymn	Josh Pepper
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### *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

Psalter Jane Almon

### Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
And the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**Day to day pours forth speech,  
And night to night declares knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are there words;  
Their voice is not heard;

**Yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
And their words to the end of the world.**

In them God has set a tent for the sun,  
Which comes forth like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,  
And runs its course with joy like a strong man.

**Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
And its circuit to the end of them;  
And there is nothing hid from its heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
Reviving the soul;

**The testimony of the Lord is sure,  
Making wise the simple;**

The precepts of the Lord are right,  
Rejoicing the heart;

**The commandment of the Lord is pure,  
Enlightening the eyes;**

The fear of the Lord is clean,  
Enduring forever;

**The ordinances of the Lord are true,  
And righteous altogether.**

More to be desired are they than gold,  
Even much fine gold;

**Sweeter also than honey  
And drippings of the honeycomb.**

Moreover by them is your servant warned;  
In keeping them there is great reward.

**But who can understand one's own errors?  
Clear me from hidden faults**

Also keep your servant from the insolent;  
Let them not have dominion over me!

**Then I shall be blameless,  
And innocent of great transgression.**

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
Be acceptable in your sight,  
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

Recognition of Green Churches                      Pat Watkins  
Trinity United Methodist Church- Southport, NC  
St. Andrews United Methodist Church- Garner, NC

Pastoral Prayer    Jim Galloway

Hymn    Josh Pepper

*In the Garden*

1. I come to the garden alone  
while the dew is still on the roses,  
and the voice I hear falling on my ear  
the Son of God discloses.

Refrain:

And he walks with me, and he talks with me,  
and he tells me I am his own;  
and the joy we share as we tarry there,  
none other has ever known.

2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice,  
is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
and the melody that he gave to me  
within my heart is ringing. (Refrain)

3. I'd stay in the garden with him  
though the night around me be falling,  
but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe  
his voice to me is calling. (Refrain)

Scripture    Jaye White

Genesis 1:24-31

<sup>24</sup> And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make humankind<sup>[c]</sup> in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth,<sup>[d]</sup> and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

<sup>27</sup> So God created humankind<sup>[e]</sup> in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;<sup>[f]</sup>  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” <sup>29</sup> God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Sermon

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Holy Communion

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### **Service of Holy Communion**

#### *Confession and Pardon*

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### *The Great Thanksgiving*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right... we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you... as we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit... now and forever.

**Amen.**

Hymn

Josh Pepper

*How Great Thou Art*

1 O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the \*worlds thy hand have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the \*rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!

2 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 hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]

3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]

4 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 there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! [Refrain]

Benediction

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