



**ARVADA**  
United Methodist Church

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**Sunday, April 26, 2026; 8:15 and 10:00 am**

## **Gathering Music**

**Prelude** *I Cannot Sing the Robin's Song*

(Chris Shelton, Lee Dengler)

8:15 am – Tim Kennedy, Jordan Ortman

10:00 am - Chancel Choir, Jordan Ortman

## **Greeting**

Dr. Amy Gearhart

**\*Opening Hymn** *Genesis of Phytoplankton*

(Hannah C. Brown, John Zundel)

Genesis of phytoplankton, fiddle fern and ginkgo tree,  
bristlemouth and longhorn beetle, bubble snail and mason bee;  
Source of endless alteration, basal flow'r and finch's beak:  
we meet you in ev'ry species, each evolving and unique.

Sculptor forming clay and feldspar, limestone cave and mountain slate,  
desert sands and tidal wetlands, forest floor and seismic plate;  
Power wielding wind and water, breeze and current, mist and squall:  
we meet you in ceaseless motion as you move and mold us all.

Weaver crafting ecosystems, arctic tundra, prairie sedge,  
broad-leaf shade and sun-lit canyon, deepest sea and water's edge;  
Axis spinning earth and seasons, cycles of precise design:  
we meet you in place and pattern as your elements combine.

Love composing all creation in our queer, complex array,  
placing at the heart of nature variation, change, and play;  
Dreamer teaching plant and creature how to harmonize in key:  
we meet you as one of many in your glorious symphony.

## **Congregational Greeting**

Rev. Lauren Boyd

## **Offertory / Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory Music**     *The Garden Needs Our Tending Now*

(Mary Louis Bringle, arr. Edward Henderson) One License # 29126

**Scripture**                      1 Corinthians 15: 35; 50-58     **From the Pulpit**

But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?”

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Look, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

**Lay Readers: Peg Emery at 8:15; Del Kyhn at 10:00**

**Sermon**

“God Needed Another Angel in Heaven”

**Prayer / The Lord’s Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn**            *God of Futures Yet Unfolding*

(Mary Louise Bringle, Cyril V. Taylor) One License # 09753

God of futures yet unfolding, ever making all things new:  
grant us pathways in our wandering, light when darkness dims our view.  
Open doors when dread defeats us. Set discouraged captives free.  
God of futures yet unfolding, help our blinded eyes to see.

God of every fresh creation, tend us with a gardener's hand.  
On your people pour your Spirit, water on a thirsty land:  
'til we spring like grassy meadows, poplar trees by flowing streams.  
God of every fresh creation, reawaken Eden's dreams.

God of resurrection splendor, burn away the haze of fear.  
Clear our hearts to face tomorrow bright with hope's unfading cheer.  
Through the future's vast unfolding, in each new creation's breath,  
God of resurrection splendor, shine in triumph over death!

**\*Benediction**

**Sending Forth Music**    *Earth and All Stars*                      Jordan Ortman, organ  
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