



ARVADA
United Methodist Church

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Sunday, Sept. 28, 2025; 815 am and 10 am Services

Gathering Music

Prelude

Carolyn May

Greeting

Dr. Amy Gearhart

***Opening Hymn** #92 - *For the Beauty of the Earth*, vss. 1, 2, 3, 6
(Conrad Kocher, Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, William Henry Monk)

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony, linking sense to sound and sight;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

6. For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Congregational Greeting

Rev. Lauren Boyd

Offertory / Offering Prayer

Offertory Music *Arioso on Dank Sei Dir Herr* Handbell Ensemble
(Georg Frideric Handel, arr. Sandra Eithun)

Scripture Psalm 8 **NRSV**

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouths of babes and infants, you have founded a bulwark
because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.
When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the
stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are
mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?
Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with
glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your
hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also
the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever
passes along the paths of the seas.
O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Lay Readers: Lynne Kendall at 8:15; Jack Plummer at 10:00

Sermon “Finding Awe in Nature: Antidotes for an Anxious Generation”

Prayer Hymn #2215 - *Cares Chorus*

(Kelly Willard) CCLI Song #25974

All:

**I cast all my cares upon You. I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet.
And anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon
You.**

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

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Chorus

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Closing HymnThe Earth, At Its Creation*

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The earth, at its creation, was water, stirred and strange,
in chaos all was shadow, an endless sea of change—
blank canvas for the Artist who pondered by its side
and saw beneath the surface what chaos tried to hide.

When shadows swarm about us, when change is all that's sure,
when what was formed seems formless, when nothing feels secure—
God, grant us clearer vision to see through chaos then,
the hand of our Creator transforming us again.

When yesterday is clearer than all that lies ahead,
God, guide us through the shadows; let us not be misled.
When chaos would deceive us to fear the depths of night,
God, let our voices echo your call: "Let there be light."

Benediction*Sending Forth Music***On Eagles Wings*

Carolyn May

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