



ARVADA
United Methodist Church

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Sunday, October 26, 2025; 815 am and 10 am Services

Gathering Music

Canned Music

AV Staff

Please play the livestream video 5 minutes before service

Prelude

Hymns With A Classical Touch

Pat Mapel

(arr. Cindy Berry)

Greeting

Dr. Amy Gearhart

***Opening Hymn** #150 - *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*,
(Catherin Cameron, William Moore) One License # 11445 vss. 1, 2, 4

1 God, who stretched the spangled heavens, infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space,
we your children, in your likeness, share inventive powers with you.
Great Creator, still creating, show us what we, yet may do.

2 Proudly we rise our modern cities, stately buildings, row on row;
yet their windows, blank, unfeeling, stare on canyoned streets below,
where the lonely drift unnoticed in the city's ebb and flow,
lost to purpose and to meaning, scarcely caring where they go.

4 As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew,
children of creative purpose, serving others, honoring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun.
Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.

Congregational Greeting

Rev. Lauren Boyd

Offertory / Offering Prayer

Offertory Music

8:15

God So Loved The World

Pat Mapel

(John Steiner)

10:00

Breath of Life Chancel Choir, Linda Marshall

(arr. Mark Hayes) One License # FBC-A018742

Emptiness and dark, blackness of night,
silent universe, void of any light.

Who has the answers? Who holds the key?
Who plants the seed that causes life to be?

In one small moment, one strand of time:
chaos to reason, nonsense to rhyme.

Morning out of night, darkness into light,
Creator God breathes a word, the origin of life!

God is the breath of life, source of our being.
God holds in hand the seed of ev'ry soul, ev'ry soul.

Eternal Living Stream, Never Ending Fountain,
Genesis of all that is and all that is to be
Spirit of God, the Breath of Life!

Who points the sky in all its beauty?
Who shapes the mountains with His Hand?
Who forms each wave that crashes on the shores?
All creation lives, all creation lives,
all creation lives at God's command!

You are the breath of life, source of our being.
You hold in hand the seed of ev'ry soul, ev'ry soul.

Eternal Living Stream, Never Ending Fountain,
Genesis of all that is and all that is to be,
Spirit of God, the Breath of Life,
the Breath of Life, the Breath of Life!

Scripture

Mark 6:30-44 NRSVUE From the Pulpit

The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

Lay Readers: Alan Williams, 8:15; Cheryl Busch, 10:00

Sermon

"The Changemakers: Creativity"

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn

God, Creation Sings Your Praises

(Carolyn Winfrey Gillette)

God, creation sings your praises; mountains echo from afar.
All your blessings here amaze us; hills rejoice how great you are!
In the whole of your creation, in each sea and wood and glade,
we are called to have dominion over all that you have made.

We've ignored your wise instruction to take care of what you give.
For our greed has caused destruction and your world cries out to live.
Though you've given us your bounty by your kind and loving hand,
in the search for power and money, we've abused sea, sky and land.

Still, your limits aren't to crush us, or to stifle or devour.
Sun and tide and wind refresh us, giving light and warmth and power.
You give new imagination, love to heal our neighbors' pain,
lives to build up your creation till the earth is whole again.

God, you give to us a vision of this world we're called to seek,
where creation joins in singing, where the strong protect the weak,
where your people serve each other, wanting only what is best.
may we work with one another till creation so is blessed.

***Benediction**

A Blessing for Going Out (congregation will read off of the screen)

**May God bless you, keep you, be gracious unto you.
May God give you grace never to sell yourself—or God—short.
Grace to risk something big for something good.
Grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous
for anything but truth, and too small for anything but love.
So may God take your mind and think through it.
May God take your lips and speak through them.
May God take your hands and do good with them.
May God take your heart and set it on fire.
Risk something big for something good!**

Sending Forth Music
(G. F. Handel)

The Rejoicing

Pat Mapel

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