



ARVADA
United Methodist Church

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Sunday, May 17, 2026; 8:15 and 10:00 am

Gathering Music

Prelude

Never Give Up

Voces Sacris

(Chris Shelton, Paul M. Vasile) One License # U01092

Greeting

Dr. Amy Gearhart

***Opening Hymn**

Creator God of Earth In All Its Splendor

(Delores Dufner, Jean Sibelius) One License #30147562

Creator God of earth in all its splendor,
you love all creatures, cherish every race.

Your arms enfold all cultures, ev'ry nation;
you nurture life in ev'ry time and place.

To you we come, disciples called by Jesus,
to offer thanks for countless gifts of grace.

O font of boundless mercy and compassion,
receive our song, our prayer of trust today.

Give strength to serve your poor and voiceless people;
give faith to live and teach the Gospel way.

Bring hope when doubts and darkness have descended;
bring peace profound when we have paused to pray.

To you be glory, praise, and glad thanksgiving
for tender care in challenge, joy and tears,

your call to foster future generations,
your heartbeat strong and steady through the years

Now guide us in your way of love, your mission.

God, walk beside us crossing new frontiers.

Congregational Greeting

Rev. Lauren Boyd

Offertory / Offertory Prayer

Offertory Music

Prayer of St. Francis

Voces Sacris

(Allen Pote, arr. Robert Delgado, St. Francis of Assisi)

One License # 93237

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Scripture

Hebrews 4:14-16 NRSV

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. 15For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. 16Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Lay Readers: Suzanne Volzke at 8:15; Carol Jennett at 10:00

Sermon

“Not Alone”

Prayer / The Lord’s Prayer

*Closing Hymn

Light is Kindled in the Darkness

(David Bjorlin, Thomas J. Williams) One License # U00881

Light is kindled in the darkness when our hope seems most absurd,
beacons through a shrouded future, pledges of Christ’s steadfast word:
gifts of goodness yet enfold us—all around, beneath, above—

signs of beauty still persisting, symbols of God's constant love.

Though the wrong appears victorious—violence, prejudice, and pride—
hope still rises from the wreckage; joy and grief stand side by side.

We will feel both pain and promise, terror's sting and love's new birth,
as we walk in light and shadow on God's blessed and bleeding earth.

Raise your candle in the darkness though the wick of faith burns low.

Feed the fire with grace and justice and in wonder watch it grow.

As we gather flames together, till they shine with warmth and light,

God dispels the night of hatred, and the blaze of love burns bright.

***Benediction**

Sending Forth Music

Jordan Ortman

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