

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
3700 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, CA 95204

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday May 8, 2022 – 11:00am



by Marc Chagall

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Children of the Heavenly Father
(arr. Howard Helvey)

Monica Adams, Piano

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN

God of This Great Creation
(sheet music provided on last page)

***God of this great creation, Washed by a shining sea, Fashion a faithful people,
Loving and serving thee. Bless and inspire invention; Guide us in skills and arts:
God who bequeaths such beauty, Give us believing hearts.***

***Thou who art called Great Spirit, By our first people named; Grant where we dwell together
Justice shall not be shamed. Walk in our weeping cities, Lighten our shadowed skies;
God who has made us wealthy, Make us, we pray thee, wise.***

***Deep from thy rocks and rivers, Pylon and pipeline bear Pow'r for the pulse of nations,
Pow'r we are called to share. We who possess thy bounty, Dwelling in worlds of need;
Grant us the grace of giving, Guard us, O God, from greed.***

*Christ of the shining mountains, True and transfigured King, Songs of thy grace and glory
We thy creation sing. From thine eternal altar Come with thy holy fire;
Make us and all things human One with creation's choir.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Alan Cook

RITE OF FRIENDSHIP AND A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Today we would like to invite everyone to write their name, mailing address, email address, and phone number on the form in the red book located in the pew rack. Your name "introduces" you to others seated near you. Please read the names of those near you and greet them at the end of the service. The red book should be passed back to the center aisle. seat.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

HYMN

O God Who Shaped Creation

UMH #443 verses 1,3,5

O God who shaped creation at earth's chaotic dawn, your word of power was spoken, and lo! the dark was gone! You framed us in your image, you brought us into birth, you blessed our infant footsteps and shared your splendored earth.

Although your heart is broken when people scorn your ways, you never cease your searching through evil's darksome maze; and when we cease our running, your joys, O God, abound like joy of searching woman when treasured coin is found.

In mercy and compassion your goodness is revealed; with tenderness you touch us, and broken hearts are healed. You claim us as your children, you strip our prideful shame; with freedom born of mercy we bless your holy name!

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:23-31

And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

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. 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.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind 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, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

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." 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. 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. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

ANTHEM *For The Beauty of the Earth* Chancel Choir
(by John Rutter)

MESSAGE Pastor Mark Cordes

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our God in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever...Amen.

THANKSGIVING

INVITATION

OFFERTORY *The 23rd Psalm* Chancel Choir
(arr. Bobby McFerrin)

SUNG RESPONSE *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #94

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN *Grace Alone* TFWS # 2162

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith, every difference we will make is only by his grace. Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine, every blessing left behind is only by his grace.

Refrain

Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide. Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach, everywhere we share his peace is only by his grace. Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away, every sorrow turned to praise is only by his grace. Refrain

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fanfare
(Jacques Lemmens)

Monica Adams, Organ

FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given by Richard Larrouy and Jamie Spaulding in honor and memory of all the mothers everywhere. Happy Mother's Day!

God of this Great Creation

Jim Stratthdee

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Voice

God of this great cre - a - tion, Washed by a shin - ing sea,
Thou who art called Great Spir - it, by our first peo - ple named;
Deep from thy rocks and riv - ers, Py - lon and pipe - line bear
5 Christ of the shin - ing moun - tains, True and trans - fig - ured King.

Fash - ion a faith - ful peo - ple, Lov - ing and serv - ing thee Bless and in - spire in -
Great where we dwell to - gath - er jus - tice shall not be shamed. Walk in our weep - ing
10 Pow'r for the pulse of na - tions, Pow'r we are called to share. We who pos - sess thy
Songs of thy grace and glo - ry. We thy cre - a - tion sing. From thine e - ter - nal

ven - tion: Guide us in skills and arts: God who be - queths such beau - ty,
cit - ies, Light - en our shad - owed skies; God who has made us wealth - y,
boun - ty Dwell - ing in worlds of need; Grant us the grace of giv - ing,
15 al - tar come with thy ho - ly fire: Make us and all things hu - man

1,2,3, 4.

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Make us, we pray thee, wise
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SERVING YOU TODAY

Mark Cordes, Senior Pastor
Ric Campero, Choir Director
Monica Adams, Organist/Pianist
David Campero, Media
Cherie Hudson, Facilities Coordinator
Rupert Cooper, Audio
Alan Cook, Interim Director of Age Level Ministries