

Saturday Morning Worship

Readings taken from Our World Belongs to God

In the beginning, God—
Father, Word, and Spirit—
called this world into being
out of nothing,
and gave it
shape and order.

God formed the land, the sky, and the seas,
making the earth a fitting home
for the plants, animals,
and humans he created.
The world was filled with color, beauty, & variety;
it provided room for
work and play,
worship and service,
love and laughter.
God rested—
and gave us rest.
In the beginning
everything was very good.

**As God's creatures we are made in his image
to represent him on earth,
and to live in loving communion with him.
By sovereign appointment we are
earthkeepers and caretakers:
loving our neighbor,
tending the creation,
and meeting our needs.
God uses our skills
in the unfolding and well-being of his world.**

Hymn #436 "This is My Father's World"

Early in human history
our first parents listened to the intruder's voice.
Rather than living by the Creator's
word of life,
they fell for Satan's lie
and sinned!

**Apart from grace
we prove each day
that we are guilty sinners.
Fallen in that first sin,
we fail to thank God,
we break his laws,
we ignore our tasks.**

While justly angry
God did not turn his back
on a world bent on destruction;
he turned his face to it in love.
With patience and tender care he set out
on the long road of redemption
to reclaim the lost as his people
and the world as his kingdom.

Prayer of Confession

God remembered his promise
to reconcile the world to himself;
he has come among us
in Jesus Christ.

As our substitute
he suffered all his years on earth,
especially in the horrible torture of the cross.
He carried God's judgment on our sin;
his sacrifice removes our guilt.
He walked out of the grave, the Lord of life!
He conquered sin and death.

***We are set right with God,
we are given new life,
and called to walk with him
in freedom from sin's dominion.**

****Hymn #473 "To God Be the Glory"***

**God's Word of Peace*