

**God's Re-creation Plan:
Spirituality and Play**

"This is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Bless God, O my soul!

God has great wonders for us!

The works of God are bountiful!

The earth is full of God's creation!

The hands of God open – we are filled with good and wonderful life.

May we rejoice in your works, God of glory!

You endure forever in this creation.

Sing to God as long as we live!

Let us rejoice in God's everlasting blessings!

***Passing of the Peace**

***Hymn** *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* UMH 92, vs. 1-4

Unison Prayer

You have broken into our lives, O God, with the recreation of this new day. You have breathed new life into our sleeping souls and have put a song in our hearts. So we come today to offer you our thanks and praise. Pour down the blessings of your Spirit upon each one here this morning, so we may perceive your nearness once more. This we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Children's Message

Special Music Cindy Seabright

Joys, Concerns, and God Moments

Call to Prayer *"Spirit of the Living God"* UMH 393, 2X

Morning Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art 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

Offertory

Special Music Cindy Seabright

***Offertory Response** *"Praise God"* UMH 94

***Offertory Prayer**

Creator God, you surround us with your mystery and majesty; you renew our spirits and refresh our souls with your grace. With joy we honor you with these tithes and offerings. Amen.

Psalm of the Cosmos

Loving God, loving God, all creation calls you blessed, and so do we, and so do we.

Loving God, all your creation calls you blessed. Your spirit imprints the whole universe with life and mystery.

Yes, all creation proclaims your love. We now join this chorus of praise.

Loving God, all of nature calls you blessed, and so do we. For you have woven an intimate tapestry and call it life and called it good.

In love you have formed a universe so diverse yet so related, and into its web you call us forth to walk the land and swim the sea with all our natural brothers and sisters.

To the stars we seem no more than blades of grass. Yet to you, each of us, as each blade of grass and each star, is an irreplaceable treasure, an essential companion on this journey of love.

Loving God, as you lure the whole world into salvation, guide us with your Spirit that we might not be only pilgrims on the earth, but pilgrims with the earth, journeying home to you.

Open our hearts to understand the intimate relationship that you have with all creation. Only with this faith can we hope for tomorrow's children. Amen. Alleluia.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 104:24-33

Message *"God's Re-creation Plan: Spirituality and Play"*

***Hymn** *"I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"* UMH 333

***Blessing**

Postlude

Today, July 8: 3 p.m. River Valley District Picnic at Oxbow Park in Byron. Potluck at 5:00 p.m. Bring food to share, utensils, and lawn chair and join the fun.

Sun., July 15: 10 a.m. Reception for Rev. Donna Dempewolf

July 29: 10:30 a.m. Parish Outdoor Worship and Potluck lunch at Fountain City Park, bring lawn chair and dish to pass.

August 7-9: 5-8 p.m. Vacation Bible School at Faith UMC

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FAITH FAMILY FINANCIALS

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Offering	\$3,562.00
Attendance	46

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