



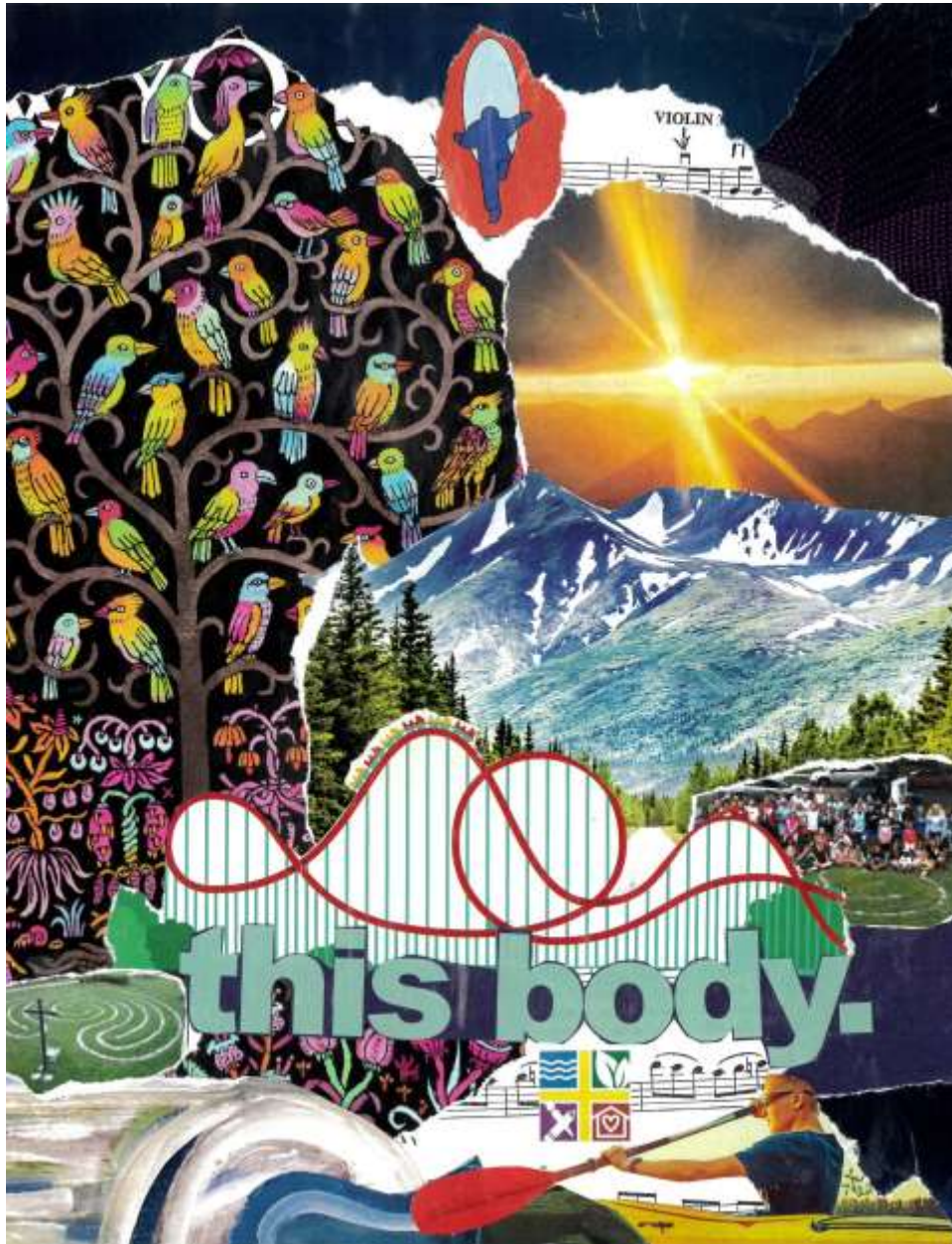
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## Welcome To Worship

July 31, 2022

9:30 a.m.



*Welcome to this time of being with God and each other.*

## TODAY'S WORSHIP

### ✧ **Prelude: Maynard Bell**

### ✧ **Welcome and community news**

Interfaith Picnic on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 pm at Humboldt Park

### ✧ **About Today's Theme: The Poetic Power of Psalms**

The difference between prose and poetry is the distinction between intellect and intuition. Prose proceeds methodically by advancing reasoned arguments; poetry expresses itself through images. We must train our minds to the ordering of rational thought, but the images of poetry (and religious experience) emerge spontaneously from the deepest places of our spirits. As Psalm 8 tells us, this imagistic spontaneity, bursts forth powerfully even from "babes and infants". There is much more, of course, to serious poetry-making, but these few words will serve as introduction and preparation for our worship celebration.

### ✧ **Readying Ourselves for Worship**

***Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!  
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Holy Ground!***

### ✧ **Hymn: #467 Give Us Light**

### ✧ **A Dramatic Interpretation of Psalm 8**

This most excellent canopy, the air...  
this brave o'erhanging firmament,  
this majestic roof fretted with golden fire...

What a piece of work is man!  
How noble in reason! How infinite in faculty!  
In form and moving how express [exact] and admirable!  
In action how like an angel!  
In apprehension how like a god!  
The beauty of the world! The paragon of animals!

~William Shakespeare, *Hamlet*, Act II, Sc. ii

### ✧ **Becoming Present to God and Each Other...Our Check-in:**

How Are You as You Arrive...how is it with your spirit?

### ✧ **The Joy of Passing the Peace**

### ✧ **And the Children Will Lead the Way**

✧ **Hymn: #15 All Creatures of Our God and King**

✧ **Opening Ourselves to God's Grace**

One: Gracious God, unite our hearts, minds, and voices with all creation in crying,

**All: Alleluia!**

One: You who formed the pillars of the earth and the canopy of sky,  
Help us recognize your presence in this time and place.

**All: Alleluia!**

One: You, made us in your image and likeness,  
May we discover the purpose and power of your gifts to us.

**All: Alleluia!**

One: Together we celebrate your great love,

**All: Alleluia!**

✧ **Sharing our Innermost Lives with God**

One: Creating God, you brought order from chaos at the creation. We feel the forces of chaos swirling all around, within, and through us. We ask you to re-order our lives, our nation, and our world so that we, and everyone, and every living thing can fulfill your intention for us. Help us to risk believing that just as creation came into being by your word, you can bring us into new being in your new creation through Christ Jesus.

**All: Amen.**

✧ **Time of Silent Reflection**



✧ **Essence Game:** “If you were a poem, what would you be?”

- 1) *A flower:*
- 2) *A form of transportation:*
- 3) *A kind of weather:*
- 4) *An article of clothing:*
- 5) *A musical instrument:*
- 6) *A type of building:*
- 7) *A piece of furniture:*
- 8) *A tree:*
- 9) *A game:*
- 10) *A place in nature:*

✧ **Song:** You’ve Got the Whole World in Your Hands

You’ve got the whole world *in your hands*.  
You’ve got the whole, wide world *in your hands*.  
You’ve got the whole world *in your hands*.  
*You’ve got the whole world in your hands.*

You’ve got the little, bitty babies...  
You’ve got the moon and the stars...  
You’ve got every single person...  
You’ve got all the living creatures...

✧ **Questions for Reflection**

What is your favorite name for God? ... What do you think the psalmist means by a “bulwark founded from the mouths of babes and infants”? ... What in Nature most puts you in touch with God?

✧ **Psalm 8** (and antiphonal hymn)

**Response: How majestic is your name in all the earth.**

**I:** O God, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name  
in all the earth!

**II:** You have set your glory above the heavens.

**I:** Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded  
a bulwark because of your foes,

**II:** to silence the enemy and the avenger.



**I:** When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
**II:** the moon and the stars that you have established;  
**I:** what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
**II:** mortals that you care for them?

***Response***

**I:** You have made them a little less than divine,  
**II:** and crowned them with glory and honor.

**I:** You have given them dominion over the works  
of your hands;  
**II:** you have put all things under their feet,

**I:** all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,  
**II:** the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

**I:** O God, our Sovereign,  
**II:** how majestic is your name in all the earth!

***Response***



✧ **Message “Baby Talk”** (text Psalm 8:2) Rev. Zo Trembley  
One: May the words of my mouth,  
**All: and the meditations of our hearts,**  
**be acceptable to you, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer.**

✧ **A D-I-Y Psalm** (*Answer the questions to create an original psalm*)

*What is your favorite name for God?*

*How does the name capture God's  
essence or meaning for you?*

*What gift from God do you see  
in your life right now?*

*What difference does that gift make?*

*When you look at Nature,  
where do you see God?*

*and what do you learn  
about God from what you see?*

*Repeat your first two responses.*

✧ **Sharing Our Wisdom**

✧ **Affirming Our Faith with Intention**

One: We are striving to be...

**I:** relevant

**II:** and responsive,

**I:** open

**II:** and affirming,

**I:** engaged

**II:** and engaging,

**I:** informal

**II:** and radically traditional.

One: Welcoming all.

**I:** Honoring the sacred masculine

**II:** and the sacred feminine,

**I:** Embracing the mystic within,

**II:** We are of one spirit....

One: not necessarily of one mind.

**I:** Mission bound.

**II:** Educationally engaged.

**I:** Children and teens show us "The Way".

**II:** Elders honored.

**I:** Visitors expected.

**All:** Full of gratitude and seeking grace!

## ✧Community Prayers and the Pastoral Prayer

### ✧The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

God, who cares for us,  
the wonder of whose presence fills us with awe.

Let kindness, justice and love shine in our world.  
Let your secrets be known here as they are in heaven.  
Give us the food and the hope we need for today.

Forgive us our wrongdoing  
as we forgive the wrongs done to us.  
Protect us from pride and from despair  
and from the fear and hate which can swallow us up.

In you is truth, meaning, glory and power,  
while worlds come and go.  
Amen.



### ✧Sung Benediction: #467 Give Us Light

Give Us...  
Grant Us...  
Show Us...

*One: Now that the worship has ended, may the service truly begin.*

### ✧Our Response...

***Holy One, now we your servants go in peace.  
Your Word lives on in us.***

**Postlude:** Maynard Bell