

Outdoor Worship September 18, 2022



FINDING GOD
IN NATURE

Prelude

Welcome

Poem *The Summer Day* ~ Mary Oliver

Our Prayerful Intention

Gathering Hymn *Nearer My God to Thee*

Opening Ourselves to God's Grace

ALL: God of mystery, who inhabits the silences and the spaces, who knows and is known by the creation you have fashioned, grant us courage to seek you in the wild, hidden places. Deepen our understanding with your wisdom, that we may perceive your holy dwellings.

Bible Wisdom Teaching *Psalm 104: 1-23*

Reflection Questions

- What experiences of nature have been a balm to your spirit or have awakened you to a deeper understanding?
- How could you be more present to such moments?
- Recall a time when something in the landscape of your life suddenly shifted.
- What landscapes have offered images of holiness to you?

Silent Contemplation

Special Music *Peace and Beauty Within Me* (written by Rosie Rain)

Walking, Talking, & Living Our Prayers

Readings

Hymn *Jesus Sun & Shield Art Thou*

Community Prayers & Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

ALL: Our mother,

which art the earth,

Nurturing are thy ways.

Thy web of life be woven

Thy way be found within,

As it is all around.

Thank you this day for our daily bread and work

and forgive us our misuse of you,

as we forgive others their misuse of us.

And lead us not into exploitation,

But deliver us

From lording it over you,

And over each other,

And over all our other fellow creatures.

For thine are the waters of life,

The hills, valleys, and plains of home,

The breeding, seeding, feeding ground,

For now, and for as close to forever

As we will ever come.

Ah, woman!

EARTH DANCE based on the Lord's Prayer published in Minnesota Women's Press, December 1999

Benediction

Postlude

