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9:45 AM

**Biblical Detectives: Discovering the Unknown**  
**The Holy Trinity**

*Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.*

*We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

(played by *Destiny* band and sung by Sandy Brown)  
*I'll Fly Away* by Brumley

**GATHERING LITURGY<sup>1</sup>**

L: We gather today as seekers of discovery, carried by wonder, embraced by mystery, drawn here by the God who is always revealing more.

**C: We come with expectant hearts, ready to meet the Living God.**

L: This is the wonder we cannot keep silent:

**C: May this eternal truth be always on our hearts: that the God who breathed this world into being, placed stars into the heavens, and designed a butterfly's wing, is the God who entrusted His Son to the care of ordinary people, and became vulnerable that we might know the strength and wonder of His Love. A mystery so deep it is impossible to grasp. A mystery so beautiful it is impossible to ignore.**

L: Let us worship this God of wonder, mystery, and love.

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

# This Is My Father's World

Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901

Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

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**Piano**  $\text{♩} = 80$

1. This is my Father's world, and to my lis - tening  
 2. This is my Father's world, the birds their car - ols  
 3. This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er for -

5  
 ears all na - ture sings, and round me rings the  
 raise, the morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de -  
 - get that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God

8  
 mu - sic of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I  
 - clare their mak - er's praise. This is my Father's world: he  
 is the rul - er yet. This is my Father's world: why

12  
 rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of  
 shines in all that's fair; in the rust - ling grass I  
 should my heart be sad? The Lord is King; let the

15  
 skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.  
 hear him pass; he speaks to me ev - ery - where.  
 heav - en's ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad.

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## **\*TIME OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Holy God,

**C: you invite us to live in mystery—to walk by faith, not by sight. But we confess: we prefer certainty. We long for clear paths, fixed plans, and predictable outcomes. You call us to trust in your promises, to see the world through your eyes of mercy. But too often, we rely on our own understanding, measuring life by what we can control.**

**You speak of new creation, of old things passing away and everything becoming new. But we hold on to the familiar, afraid to let go of what no longer gives life. It is hard to live by faith. Forgive us, O God of mercy.**

**Forgive us for playing god, for clinging to illusions of control, instead of resting in your mystery and love. Teach us again to walk by faith. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Hear this good news: The God who scattered stars across the heavens also plants seeds of grace in the soil of your soul. Though the work is hidden, though the growth is a mystery, God is making all things new—even you. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, we all are forgiven, set free to live by faith, and called to grow in love.

**ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** (played by *Destiny* band)

*Nothing Special*

by Sprenkle

**SCRIPTURE**

*Genesis 1:1-5, 22-23 (CEB)*

*John 1:1-5 (CEB)*

## **INVESTIGATING THE QUESTIONS**

**HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 223 NCH** (see next page)

*What Wondrous Love is This*

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# What Wondrous Love Is This

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1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul! O my soul! What
2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is  
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To God and to the  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm



this! that Christ should come in bliss to bear the heav-y cross for my  
 Lamb who is the great I Am, while mil-lions join the theme, I will  
 free, I'll sing and joy-ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the heav-y cross for my soul!  
 sing, I will sing; while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing!  
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL:** 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

## A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY (played by *Destiny* band)

*Power in the Blood*

by Jones

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\***CLOSING HYMN NO. 2120 FWS** (see next page)

*Spirit of Gentleness* (v. 1, 3-4)

\***BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Thanks Be to Thee*

Handel

## References

<sup>1</sup>The opening liturgy includes the writing of John Birch, posted on [Faith and Worship - Prayers and Resources](https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/11/sending-mystery-so-deep.html) and used with permission as accessed at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/11/sending-mystery-so-deep.html> on 6/11/25.

<sup>2</sup>The prayer of confession is inspired by the work of by Peter Bankson. Posted on the **Worship Elements** page of the **Ministry Matters** website. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/> and accessed on 6/11/25.

**Welcome Team Members—**Carol Hartman & Faye Heal

**Liturgist—**Tori Everhart

**Tech Team—**Deb Herlocker, Jack Herlocker, & Paul Ramsey

**Special Musicians—***Destiny* band, music group led by Mike Gibbs, Sandy Brown


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# Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

James K. Manley, 1978

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Spir - it, spir-it of gen-tle-ness, blow through the wil-der-ness, call-ing and free,

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Spir - it, spir-it of rest-less-ness, stir me from plac-id-ness, wind,


17



wind on the sea. \_\_\_\_\_


1. You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the
2. You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the
3. You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a
4. You call from to - mor - row, you break an-cient

25




deep, then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep; And  
 sand, and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land; When  
 hill, then you whis-pered in si - lence when the whole world was still; And  
 schemes, from the bon - dage of sor - row the cap - tives dream dreams; Our

33



o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing, "A - wake from your  
 they were con - found - ed by their i - dols and lies, then you spoke through your  
 down in the cit - y you called once a - gain, when you blew through your  
 wo - men see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes, With bold new de -

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slum - bers and rise on your wings. \_\_\_\_\_  
 proph - ets to o - pen their eyes. \_\_\_\_\_  
 peo - ple on the rush of the wind. \_\_\_\_\_  
 - ci - sions your peo-ple a - rise.