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9:45 AM

Mt. Zion UCC Summer Road Trip
August 9, 2026: Denali National Park

Seeing God in the beauty of nature as the US celebrates 250 years

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! We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy in the side narthex! Sunday School is currently paused for the summer and will return in the fall. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRELUDE (sung by Olivia Abbott)

CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 8:3-8)

L: Come, travelers on the road of faith.

C: We gather in God's presence.

L: When we look at the heavens, the work of God's fingers,

C: We marvel at the beauty of creation.

L: When we consider the earth and all that fills it,

C: We remember God's goodness and care.

L: From valley low to mountain high, God's glory surrounds us.

C: We come to worship the Creator of all things.

L: Come, let us worship.

C: Let us worship God.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of all creation, today we give thanks for your presence in Denali National Park and for the beauty of a place whose name reminds us that stories matter. As we gather in worship, speak your name once again into our lives, and help us discover more fully who you have created us to be. Open our hearts to your Word and our lives to your leading; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

C: Amen.

***OPENING HYMN NCH NO. 11** (black hymnal, see below)

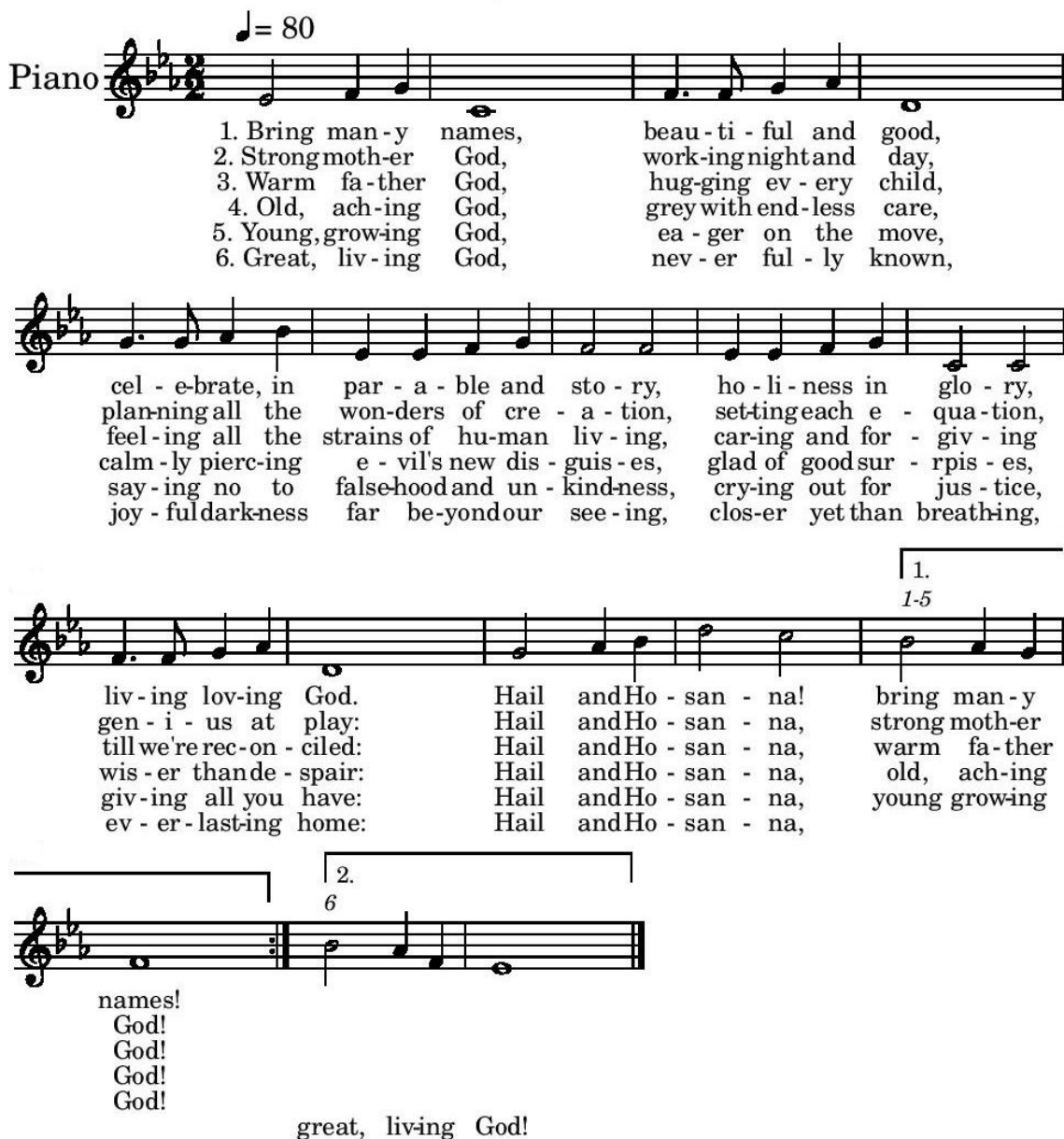
Bring Many Names

Bring Many Names

Carlton Young, 1989

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$



1. Bring man-y names, beau-ti-ful and good,
2. Strong moth-er God, work-ing night and day,
3. Warm fa-ther God, hug-ging ev-ery child,
4. Old, ach-ing God, grey with end-less care,
5. Young, grow-ing God, ea-ger on the move,
6. Great, liv-ing God, nev-er ful-ly known,
cel-e-brate, in par-a-ble and sto-ry, ho-li-ness in glo-ry,
plan-ning all the won-ders of cre-a-tion, set-ting each e-qua-tion,
feel-ing all the strains of hu-man liv-ing, car-ing and for-giv-ing,
calm-ly pierc-ing e-vil's new dis-guis-es, glad of good sur-rpis-es,
say-ing no to false-hood and un-kind-ness, cry-ing out for jus-tice,
joy-ful dark-ness far be-yond our see-ing, clos-er yet than breath-ing,
liv-ing lov-ing God. Hail and Ho-san-na! bring man-y
gen-i-us at play: Hail and Ho-san-na, strong moth-er
till we're rec-on-ciled: Hail and Ho-san-na, warm fa-ther
wis-er than de-spair: Hail and Ho-san-na, old, ach-ing
giv-ing all you have: Hail and Ho-san-na, young grow-ing
ev-er-last-ing home: Hail and Ho-san-na,
names!
God!
God!
God!
God!
great, liv-ing God!

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***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS¹**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

L: In these summer days we rejoice in the gifts of your creation—the beauty of the earth, the playfulness of animals, and the gift of our being—fragile as it may be. Though God’s creation dazzles us with all of its wonder, we have not always done our part to be good stewards of it. Together, let us confess before God the times we have missed the mark when it comes to our own lives as well as caring for creation.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

C: God, we come to you today acknowledging that things are broken. Creation is broken. Relationships are broken. We are broken. But in the same breath we know that you make all things new. Today we pray that your presence would be felt in our brokenness. We ask that through your grace all of creation would once again be made whole. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

P: Hear the great news today; through his life, death, and resurrection—Christ heals what we have broken. Just as quickly as our sins were offered up, they have been forgiven. This day you are forgiven, we all are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*ACT OF PRAISE NCH NO. 17 (black hymnal, v.1 see next page)

To You, O God All Creatures Sing

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To You, O God, All Creatures Sing v. 1

St. Francis of Assisi, 1225

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1. To you, O God, all creatures sing, and all creation, every -
- things sing your praises, alle-lu-ia! Your burning sun with golden beam, your
sil-ver moon with softer gleams sing your praises, alle-lu-ia, alle-lu-ia, alle-lu-ia, alle -
- lu - ia.

The musical score is written for piano in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The tempo is marked 'Piano' and the metronome is set to 80. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with a fermata over the final note. The third staff continues the melody. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:1-15 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

***HYMN NO. 116** (UM hymnal, see next page)

The God of Abraham Praise

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The God of Abraham Praise

Hebrew Melody

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1. The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned a - bove; An -
 2. The great I AM has sworn; I on this oath de - pend. I
 3. The heavenly land I see, with peace and plen - ty blest; a
 4. The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing, and

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- cient of Ev - er last - ing Days, and God of love; Je ho - vah, great I AM! by
 shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav - en as - cend. I shall be - hold God's face; I
 land of sac - red lib - er - ty, and end - less rest. There milk and hon - ey flow, and
 "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!" cry, "Al - might - y King! Who was, and is, the same, and

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earth and heav - en con - fessed; I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.
 shall God's power a - dore, and sing the won - ders of God's grace for - ev - er more.
 oil and wine a - bound, and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 ev - er - more shall be: Je - ho - vah, Lord, the great I AM, we wor - ship thee!"

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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.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place* by Wolfe/arr. Schrader
(sung by Brenda Beyer, Lana Fritz, Norma Hull, Jen Miller, Barb Neff, & Melody Stine)

TIME FOR SHARING¹

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY *Blessed Be Your Name*

by Redman & Redman

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: God,

C: we know that you aren't in need of anything we have to offer. However you desire for us to serve you in every aspect of our life. We pray that this offering was not a meaningless ritual but a true act of worship. Bless these tithes and offerings and guide us as we seek to use them to serve you in all of creation. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 947** (ELCA hymnal, see next page)

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud

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Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud

Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945

Joseph Parry, 1841-1903

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Piano

1. Source and Sov'reign,
2. Word and Wis-dom,
3. Storm and Still-ness,

Rock and Cloud,
Root and Vine,
Breath and Dove,

For-tress, Foun-tain,
Shep-herd, Sav-ior,
Thun-der, Tem-pest,

Shel-ter, Light,
Ser-vant, Lamb,
Whirlwind, Fire,

Judge, De-fend-er,
Well and Wa-ter,
Com-fort, Coun-s'lor,

Mer-cy, Might,
Bread and Wine,
Pres-ence, Love,

Life whose life all
Way who leads us
En-er-gies that

life endow'd:
to I AM:
never tire:

May the church at prayer re-call

that no single ho-ly name
but the truth be-hind them all
is the God whom we proclaim.

Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

***BENEDICTION**

P: May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you: wherever he may send you; may he guide you through the wilderness: protect you through the storm; may he bring you home rejoicing: at the wonders he has shown you; may he bring you home rejoicing: once again into our doors.

C: Amen.

***SENDING**

P: Go forth as the salt of the earth, helping shape this world with the love of God's kingdom.

C: Thanks be to God! We will!

POSTLUDE

Sinfonia

by Bach

Service Participants

Welcome Team Members— Lana Fritz, Connie Wolfe

Guest Preacher— Deb Herlocker

Liturgist— Jen Miller

Tech Team— Elaine Bevivino, Jack Herlocker

Special Musicians— Olivia Abbott, Brenda Beyer, Lana Fritz, Norma Hull, Jen Miller , Barb Neff, & Melody Stine

Thank you to Deb Herlocker for serving as guest preacher today.

References

¹The Time of Confession and the Offertory Liturgies are written by Drew Gray

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