

September 24, 2023 at 10 am
Season of Creation: Week 3



Prelude

Call to Worship

One: From the bustle of the world and the silence of our wilderness, we pause together for worship.

All: At times, we can be a grumbling people, quick to focus on the lack and the gaps.

One: Yet in love, God, you listen to our cries and provide for us.

All: Impatiently, we are a searching people, craving peace and purpose.

One: And with patience, God, you offer us hope and sustain us.

All: Help us to be a thankful people, recognizing your love for us in all its abundance.

One: Let us respond and join in partnership,

All: to work for justice and provide for all creation.

Hymn 802: *For the fruits of all creation*

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Welcome & Territorial Acknowledgment

Gathering Prayer *concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

Assurance of God's Grace

Peace Invocation: *May the peace of Christ be with you*

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May the peace of Christ be with you;
may the love of Christ dwell deep in your heart.
May the spirit enlighten your way;
may you live in the comfort of God's care.

Fun with the Young at Heart

Musical Reflection: *Oceans*

Caitlin Taylor

Words & Music: Joel Houston, Matt Crocker, Salomon Ligthelm

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Scripture: Exodus 16:2-15

Sermon: *They Looked to the wilderness and the glory of the LORD Appeared*
Anthony Siegrist

Hymn 719: *God in great love for us lent us this planet*

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Invitation to Offering

Offertory

Doxology: *All Creation*

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We come to You with a song of praise, for Your love.
The music of our soul's delight, brought with love.
We come to you with a heart of thanks, for Your love;
An offering of all we are, brought with love.
All creation, looks to You.
All provision, comes from You.
In every sunrise, hope shines through.
For Your mercy, we thank You.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Hope

Hymn: *Like a Healing Stream*

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Blessing

Sending Song: *Walk with me*

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Walk with me;
I will walk with you
and, hand-in-hand
throughout the land,
let love shine through.

Postlude

Worship Leaders:

Anthony Siegrist, Ontario Director, A Rocha
The Rev. Hugh Donnelly (he/him)
The Rev. Courtney Morris Crawford (she/her)
Caitlin Taylor (she/her)

Tech Team:

Barb Gaudet (she/her)
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Anthony Siegrist, Guest Preacher

Anthony is the Ontario Director at A Rocha, a Canadian Environmental Stewardship organization. He has long been fascinated by the intertwined root systems of faith and ecology. He joined A Rocha after previously serving as a pastor, professor of theology, adventure guide, and farm hand. For someone who loves the outdoors, Anthony has invested far too much time inside classrooms, completing an MSc in Environmental Sustainability, a ThD in Christian theology, and publishing his research along the way. With his wife Sarah and their three young boys, Anthony enjoys exploring the green spaces and cultural history of the larger Great Lakes region. They love tromping through local forests with their hound named Rhubarb, as well as canoeing in Algonquin Park and hiking in the Adirondacks.