



Prelude Ann Fessenden
Lyris Suite in Five Movements Opus 96 Thomas F. Dunhill
Movement II
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Welcome

Opening Words adapted John W. Howell
We worship the God who inhabits our world and dwells in our lives.

We need not look up to find God, we need only look around: within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another.

We need not listen for distant thunder to find God, we need only listen to the music of life, the words of children, the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat.

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Opening Hymn NCH #12 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Prayer of Invocation adapted Ruth C. Duck

Holy God, we come before you with awe, for you are great in love and power. Some of us come with reluctance, and some with joy, some with sadness, and others full of fear, yet we know you receive us as we are. Touch us, God, with your healing fire. Speak to us through your word. Send us back into the world renewed and eager to do your will. We pray it might be so. Amen

Opening Response Binder #28 “For the Beauty of the Earth” Verses 1 and 2

Children’s Time

The Witness of Music Ann Fessenden
Sonata No. 1 Antonio Vivaldi/arr. James M. Guthrie
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Reading:
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
'To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.

The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

For the wisdom contained in these holy words, we give thanks. Amen

Sermon Rev. Dr. Wendy Bruner

Hymn Binder #65 "Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Creator, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kin-dom come, your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kin-dom, and the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

How shall we join God's work in the world?

Gracious God, we give thanks and ask your blessings on the many and diverse gifts we bring to join you in your work in the world.

Closing Hymn Binder #66-67 "Let All Things Now Living"

Benediction

Postlude "This Is My Maker's World" arr. Carol Tornquist
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