



Thomas A. Edison
Congregational Church

MAY 15, 2022



Order of Worship

Fifth Sunday of Easter

(** You are invited to stand.)
(Please remember to silence your cell phone during the service.)

When the prelude begins, let us quiet our hearts and conversation.

Church Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

This Is My Father's World

TUNE: Terra Beata
Arr. By: Jason D. Payne

Call to Worship (Responsively)

One: We gather to praise you God, for all the things we can see, and sometimes understand: the sun, moon and stars; the clouds and changing weather:

All: Hallelujah! We join in their eternal chorus of praise to God.

One: We gather to praise you, God, for all the things that we cannot see or understand: all of heaven's angels, outer space; and the skies above us, the cells of our bodies and the atoms that make up all matter;

All: Hallelujah! We join in their eternal chorus of praise to God.

One: We gather to praise you God, for all the things in life that we experience: the created world, people of all ages and circumstances, all God's creations.

All: Hallelujah! We join in their eternal chorus of praise to God: whose name is glorious, and whose ways are holy. Amen.

~ adapted from a prayer written by Joan Stott, and posted on The Timeless Psalms. <http://www.wesleychurchgeelong.net/> If used in shared worship, please provide an acknowledgement as follows: © 2012 Joan Stott – "The Timeless Psalms" RCL Psalm Year B, used with permission.

Hymn of Faith #237

This Is My Father's World

Passing of the Peace

May Christ be with You on Your Journey!
And also with you!

Prayer of Discipleship (Responsively)

One: Praise the Eternal One, the Divine Gardener. Who plants the sun, the moon, the stars in the heavens. Who creates earth, the amazing garden upon which we live.

All: Hallelujah! We join in their eternal chorus of praise to God.

One: Who loosens rocks into teeming, incubating soil. Who spreads the seeds of life in the seas, land, and skies – which transform into beasts that swim, crawl and fly.

All: Hallelujah! We join in their eternal chorus of praise to God.

One: Who spreads a dazzling array of flora on field and plain. Who plants dense forests and open moorlands. Who orchestrates nourishment through clouds, thunder and rain. Praise the architect of earth and heaven in whose lush garden we breath and live and play and worship today.

**All: Hallelujah! We join in their eternal chorus of praise to God.
Amen.**

— adapted from Psalm 148, The Divine Gardener — Ana Gobledale, UK Praise the Divine Gardener!; Inspired by Psalm 148

Song of Prayer

In The Garden

Author: C. Austin Miles (1913)

Tune: GARDEN (Miles)

**I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.**

**And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.**

Prayers of the People / Concerns of the People

Our Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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 debts
as we forgive our debtors
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Scripture for the Day

Psalm 148 (Responsively)

Hallelujah Praise the Lord!

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from heaven!

Praise God on the heights!

2

Praise God, all of you who are his messengers!

Praise God, all of you who comprise his heavenly forces!

3

Sun and moon, praise God!

All of you bright stars, praise God!

4

You highest heaven, praise God!

Do the same, you waters that are above the sky!

5

**Hallelujah! Let all of these praise the Lord's name
because God gave the command and they were created!**

6

God set them in place always and forever.

God made a law that will not be broken.

7

Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all you ocean depths!

8

Do the same, fire and hail, snow and smoke,
stormy wind that does what God says!

9

Do the same, you mountains, every single hill,
fruit trees, and every single cedar!

10

Do the same, you animals—wild or tame—
you creatures that creep along and you birds that fly!

11

Do the same, you kings of the earth and every single person,
you princes and every single ruler on earth!

12

Do the same, you young men—young women too!—
you who are old together with you who are young!

13

**Hallelujah! Let all of these praise the Lord's name
because only God's name is high over all.
Only God's majesty is over earth and heaven.**

14

God raised the strength of his people,

the praise of all his faithful ones—
that's the Israelites,
the people who are close to him.

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

— Common English Bible

Response to the Sharing of God's Story

The Story of God for the People of God!
Thanks Be to God!

Gift of Music

For The Beauty of the Earth

By John Rutter
Dr. Dan Davis & Tony Contino

Pastoral Words

Gift of Music

Hallelujah

Music: Leonard Cohen
Songwriters: One Voice Children's Choir

I heard there was a secret chord that
David played and he pleased the Lord but
You don't really know that music do ya
It goes like this, the fourth, the fifth,
The minor fall, the major lift
The king of old composing Hallelujah

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

I know that there's a God above

There's evidence in all the love
Creation is enough to prove it to ya
And when He says there's day from night,
And the He commanded Let there Be Light
And every breath he drew was Hallelujah

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

The Angels sang at the Savior's birth
It's echo still heard round the earth
The beauty and the spirit says He knew you
The babe was brought with so much care
Below all things, but God was there
And from your lips it drew the Hallelujah

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

Invitation to the Offering

*What we give and the spirit with which we give it, enables this church
to make a difference in the lives of all whom we touch.*

Offertory

This Is My Father's World/He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Arranged By: Brant Adams

**** Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye, heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

WORDS: Ken Thomas; MUSIC: Old 100th, attributed to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Life of Our Church

Quilting on Wednesday at 12:00 pm.

Mid-Week Prayers and Coffee with the Pastors (May 18 – June 29)
11:00 AM, Wednesday (Prayers from 7 different Religious Groups)

****Benediction (Responsively)**

May the Warm Winds of Heaven blow softly upon your house. May the Great Spirit bless all who enter there. May your Mocassins make happy tracks in many snows, and may the Rainbows always touch your shoulder. Amen.

Amen.

- Cherokee Prayer Blessing Found on: <http://www.sapphyr.net/natam/quotes-nativeamerican.htm>

Postlude

Rondeau from Sinfonies De Fanfares

By : Jean Joseph Mouret

PRAYER LIST

Our Church Members:

Kate Baumann; Roy Shipley; Susan M.;
Malcolm Youngquist; Jack & Bev Becton;

Friends & Family:

Pat Tangusol (Friend of the Church and Quilter);
KC (Friends of Lori Main);
Ruth Mackechnie (Extended Family of Caroleah Mackechnie);
Larry Zeigler (Lana's Husband); Bernice (Friend of Bill Persons);
Leon & Wes (friends of Patty Newcomer) & Joan (Patty's Mother);
Lisa and Brian (Bill Person's daughter and son-in-law)

Time With Our Children

Show the children a box of thank-you notes and ask them to tell you how they are used. Ask them if they have ever written a thank-you note ... or received one. Then tell them that the Bible contains thank-you notes as well. One is Psalm 148, in which all the people of the world say thanks to God for creating them. List the people who praise God in this psalm: **“Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together!”** (vv. 11-12). Then ask them if they think it is only people who thank God in this psalm. No! Point out that everything praises God: the sun, moon, stars, snow, frost, mountains, hills, animals, birds. Remind the children that God has created everything in the world, so everything should praise him. Invite them to think of sounds these things might make as they praise God, and then close with a prayer in which the children make these sounds after you list each creature: **“Dear Lord, we praise you for creating us, and putting us together in this good world. Hear the praise of the wild animals [sound], the cattle [sound], the stormy wind [sound] and the flying birds [sound]. We love you, Lord, and thank you for all your goodness to us. Amen.”**

- Adapted from Homiletics Online

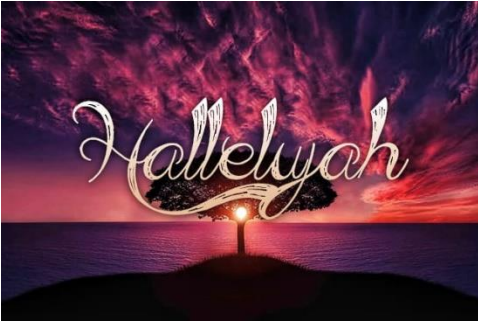


You and I are invited to an Artist Reception
featuring Faith Gaillot

At ART BEAT STUDIOS, ROYAL PALM SQUARE
1400 Colonial Boulevard - Suite 35
Fort Myers, Florida

MAY 19TH, 2022 - 5-7 PM

She will have pen & ink, handmade note cards, watercolors on display and on sale



“Hallelujah!” is the English translation of the Hebrew words for “Praise the Lord!” — the opening words of Psalm 148 (and Psalms 146, 147, 149 and 150, among others). Israel’s song book, ranging across the spectrum of human emotions, ends triumphantly in this concluding collection of psalms, on a note of cosmic praise. The summons to praise Yahweh/the Lord is made

first (vv. 3-4) to the celestial realm: the heavens, the heights, angels, the heavenly host (that is, the heavenly army), sun and moon, shining stars, highest heavens and the waters above the heavens (the source of rain in ancient Israelite cosmology).

The reason for these bodies to praise the Lord is because he is their Creator: “He established them forever and ever” (v. 6). Unlike neighboring religions, Israelite religion never conceived of its patron God as part of the world of personified nature deities (such as Shamash, the sun; Yamm, the sea; or Mot, death); Yahweh was the Creator of the forces of nature and therefore their liege. The call to praise then moves from the celestial to the terrestrial (vv. 7-10): the earth, sea monsters (such as Leviathan, Job 3:8; 41:1; Psalm 74:14; 104:26), the deeps (source of subterranean water such as springs), fire, hail, snow, frost, stormy wind, mountains, hills, fruit trees, cedars, wild animals, cattle (that is, domestic livestock, probably sheep and goats, not bovines), creeping things (vermin and insects) and flying birds. The psalm then turns from the natural to the social world in its call to praise: kings, peoples, princes, rulers, young men and women, old and young (vv. 11-12). Finally, the psalmist addresses the call to praise to the apple of the Lord’s eye, “the people of Israel,” God’s chosen people, “his people” (v. 14). While Israel’s election as the chosen people was a source of both immense pride and staggering responsibility, it was, ultimately, a source of profound joy for the Hebrew people. Long before the notion of individual resurrection to a heavenly reward found its way into Jewish (and thence into Christian) thought, ancient Israelites considered their calling to be God’s “light to the nations” (Isaiah 42:6) reward enough to elicit their deepest joy, reflected in the ecstatic paean of this psalm.

picture source: <https://churchleaders.com/worship/worship-articles/298567-word-hallelujah-still-matters-worship-dan-wilt.html>

Earth, Teach Me

Earth teach me quiet ~ as the grasses are still with new light.
Earth teach me suffering ~ as old stones suffer with memory.
Earth teach me humility ~ as blossoms are humble with beginning.
Earth teach me caring ~ as mothers nurture their young.
Earth teach me courage ~ as the tree that stands alone.
Earth teach me limitation ~ as the ant that crawls on the ground.
Earth teach me freedom ~ as the eagle that soars in the sky.
Earth teach me acceptance ~ as the leaves that die each fall.
Earth teach me renewal ~ as the seed that rises in the spring.
Earth teach me to forget myself ~ as melted snow forgets its life.
Earth teach me to remember kindness ~ as dry fields weep with rain.

- Found on: <http://www.sapphyr.net/natam/quotes-nativeamerican.htm>



<https://images.search.yahoo.com/search/images>

A Chinook Prayer

May all I say and all I think
be in harmony with thee,
God within me,
God beyond me,
maker of the trees.

- Chinook prayer, Pacific Northwest Coast

***No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
you're welcome here at Edison Congregational Church.
Welcome home!***

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