

# Creation and Fall

# 15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Sunday Worship at 10:30am



## Call to Worship

L: Clothe us with your wisdom, Lord
C: And open our eyes to your light.
L: Take away our guilt and shame,
C: And cover us with forgiveness.
L: Let us not hide ourselves from you,

C: But in freedom give you praise.

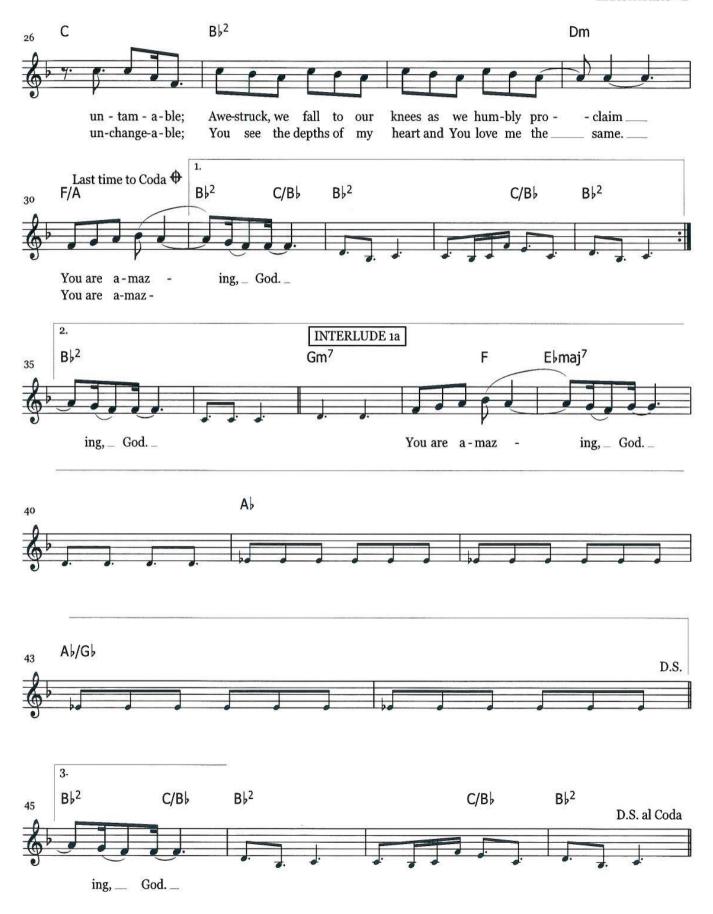
Gathering Songs – Indescribable & Did You Feel The Mountains Tremble

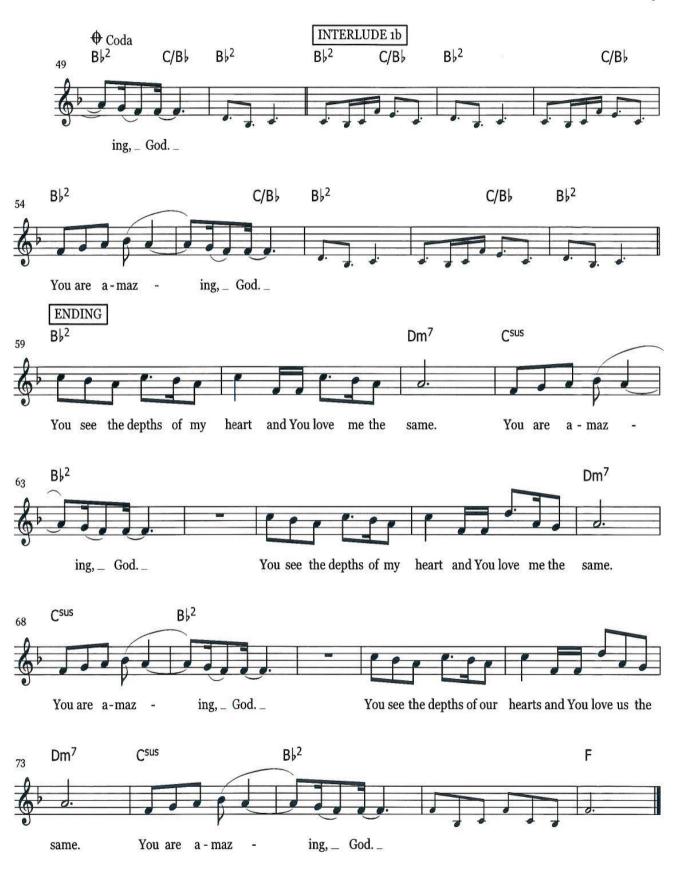
# Indescribable

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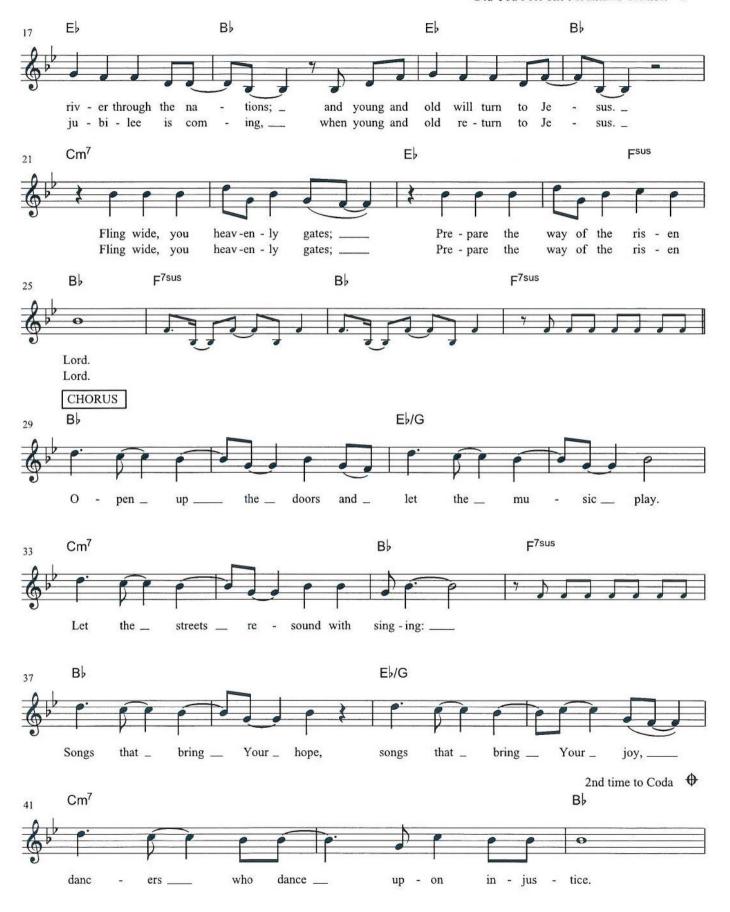


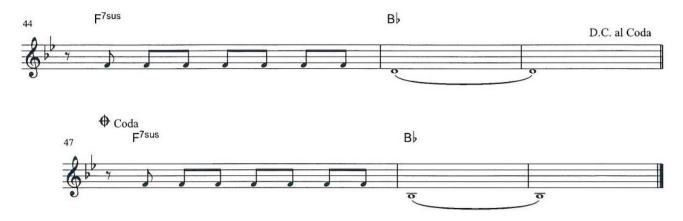


## Did You Feel The Mountains Tremble

Words and Music by Martin Smith







#### The Story with the Kids

#### Welcome

#### No Longer Strangers Prayer

#### Creator God,

We know that all people are created in your image. Help us to see all people as image bearers of God – ALL PEOPLE including those we've never met before, those we've only seen in passing, and those we would rather not meet because they think, act, worship, love or live in ways we do not understand. May Your love for all people flow through us in all of our interactions. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## Greeting

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe that God meets you here. We gather together, in person and virtually in the name of God the eternal Creator – Jesus Christ, God's only Son and the Holy Spirit – who is with you always...

### And also with you.

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Let us confess that God is God and we are not. Silence for prayer and contemplation.

Gracious God, you tend to the earth as your vineyard, longing for it to bring fruit. You want our society and our lives to look more and more like the Kingdom of Heaven. We work against your plans, sometimes by what we do, and sometimes by what we leave undone. We abuse the land, take advantage of the weak, and turn a blind eye to the poor. We fight against your purposes, and we need your forgiveness. Forgive us for looking to our

own wants and needs and not seeking the healing of all of your creation, all land, all water, and all living things. Create in us a desire to be the stewards of creation that you have called us to be. In Jesus' name we pray: Amen.

Receive the Good News: The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God,

You created people not as subjects to rule, but as partners in tending and enjoying this bountiful earth. Help us release our shame and guilt over what we have done wrong, accepting instead your mercy and forgiveness offered through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE STORY

Narrator: Our story and God's story continues with a reading from

Genesis 2:4b-7,15-17; 3:1-8

**Narrator:** These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when

they were created. In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden

of Eden to till it and keep it.

**Reader 1:** And the Lord God commanded the man, You may freely eat

of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it

you shall die.

Reader 2:

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'? The woman said to the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'

Reader 1:

But the serpent said to the woman, You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil. So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.

Reader 2:

Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

**Narrator:** 

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

Narrator:

Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.

Thanks be to God.

#### Sermon

Hymn – This Is My Fathers World

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#### Offering

**Worship Leader:** We are grateful for your financial gifts; it's the only way churches are churches. Set up automatic giving by going to our website, <u>riverofhopehutchinson.org</u> and follow the directions to "give online".

#### Prayers of the People

We gather together our prayers from people near and far,

Reader: Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

# THE FEAST

### Setting the Table

Children will lead us in the table prayer written by Martin Luther:

Let's pray: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. And let these gifts to us be blest. Blest be God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.

#### Invitation to Communion

You give us every good thing for food, O Lord, including yourself in the bread and cup which we share in this meal. Feed us on your goodness and mercy, that we might be living compassion to all whom we encounter.

As we gather we remember, that in the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me."

#### The Lord's Prayer

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.

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and forever. Amen.

#### Invitation to the Meal

You are welcome to this meal. It is free and it is for you. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you.

Communion Songs/Hymns- One Bread One Body

# One Bread, One Body



Text: John Foley, sJ, b. 1939

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#### Blessing after Communion

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his peace. **Amen.** 

#### Prayer after Communion

Let us pray, God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us out in the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may demonstrate your transforming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## THE SENDING

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose? We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

#### **Purpose Sightings**

There are many opportunities to serve God and our neighbor – this is the time to lift those up!

#### **MILESTONES!**

Please share Milestones in the comment section to celebrate together. Hymn - Just A Closer Walk {Chorus Only}

# Just a Closer Walk with Thee



Text: North American traditional Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

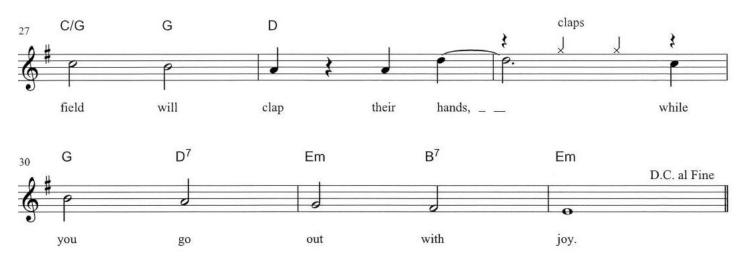
#### **Final Blessing**

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Sending Song – The Trees of the Field

# The Trees Of The Field





# Go in peace – Serve the Lord! Thanks be to God

## Music To Send You Out