

August 18, 2019 at 11:00 AM

✠ Standing as you are able | **UMH**: United Methodist Hymnal | **FWS**: Faith We Sing

We Gather to Praise God

Prelude

Pinball Wizard

arr. Benjamin D'Angelo

✠ Opening Hymn:

For the Beauty of the Earth

UMH 92

✠ Call to Worship

Come on people now
Smile on your brother
Everybody get together

**Try to love one another
Right now**

Love is but a song to sing

Fear's the way we die

If you hear the song I sing
You will understand
You hold the key to love and fear
All in your trembling hand

**Just one key unlocks them both
It's there at your command**

**Come on people now
Smile on your brother
Everybody get together
Try to love one another
Right now**

Prayers of the People

We Listen to Hear God's Voice

Psalter

PSALM 8

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Hymn:

Wonderful Words of Life (verse 1)

UMH 600

Second Reading:

HEBREWS 2:1-8

Dedication of Presence and Invitation to Offering

Please register your attendance and pass the black book to the side aisle.

Offertory

Aria from Creation

Franz Joseph Haydn

*Rolling in foaming billows
Uplifted, roars the boisterous sea.
Mountains and rocks now emerge,
Their tops into the clouds ascend.
Through the open plains outstretching wide,
In serpent error rivers flow.
Softly purling glides on
Through silent vales the limpid brook*

Eduardo Castro, bass-baritone

† **Dedication of Gifts**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

† **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Sermon:

The Old Town Road to Woodstock

Anthem

Teach Your Children

G. Nash, arr. P. Lawson

Summer Choir; Nevin Bender, *conductor*, Bill Anderson, *guitar*

You who are on the road must have a code that you can live by, and so become yourself, because the past is just a good-bye.

Teach your children well; their father's hell did slowly go by, and feed them on your dreams, the one they pick's the one you'll know by.

Don't you ever ask them why; if they told you, you will cry, so just look at them and sigh and know they love you.

And you, of tender years, can't know the fears that your elders grew by, and so please help them with your youth. They seek the truth before they can die.

Teach your parents well; their children's hell will slowly go by. And feed them on your dreams, the one they pick's the one you'll know by.

Don't you ever ask them why; if they told you, you will cry, so just look at them and sigh and know they love you.

We Respond to God's Great Love

Prayer of Confession

UMH 12

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Music During Communion

Amazing Grace

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

UMH 378

UMH 703

Prayer of Response

We Are Scattered to Serve God

† **Closing Hymn:**

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens
verses 1 and 4

UMH 150

† **Benediction**

Postlude

Uncle John's Band

Jerry Garcia

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson, *preacher and communion celebrant*;

Beverly Fleming, *liturgist*;

Eduardo Castro and **Sarah Heisler**, *song leaders*;

Nevin Bender, *organist*

The call to worship is adapted from "Come Together" by Chet Powers

The altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God, and in honor of Kent and Lois Weaver's 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 16



(Tune: UMH 89)

**At the dawn of your creation, God, you spoke, "Let there be light!"
You divided earth from heaven, you created day and night.
You made sunbeams dance with shadows, you created energy!
Peaceful evenings, bright tomorrows, all began with "Let there be..."**

O Love, My Beloved,
How powerful is your name in all the earth!
You, whose glory is sung in heaven
by the angels and saints,
Who with the innocence and spontaneity of the child,
Confound those who are mighty and proud,
You quiet the unloving and fearful.

**By your word, you formed creation: dry land, water, ocean breeze.
Soon there burst forth vegetation — plants with fruit, majestic trees.
Rain and snow and changing seasons, creatures filling land and sea —
God, your very good creation all began with "Let there be..."**

When I look up at the heavens,
at the work of Love's creation,
at the infinite variety of your Plan;
What is woman that you rejoice in her,
And man that you do delight in him?
You have made us co-creators of the earth!
guardians of the planet!
to care for all your creatures,
to tend the land, the sea,
and the air we breathe;
all that You have made,
You have placed in our hands.

**When you made us as your children, sending us throughout your lands,
You commanded, "Have dominion — care for earth; it's in your hands."
Yet we hurt this world you've given; we harm earth and sky and sea.
We forget it's your creation — you, who once said "Let there be..."**

O Love, my Beloved,
How powerful is your Name in
all the earth!

*Spoken text from [Psalms for Praying: An Invitation to Wholeness](#)
by Nan C. Merrill*



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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



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