

Waupun United Methodist Church, Waupun, WI
Worship Music and Bible Reading – 4/30/23

This Is My Father's World

**1 This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings, the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.**

**2 This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass, I hear him pass; He speaks to me everywhere.**

**3 This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget,
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!**

Bible Reading

Psalm 8:3-9

³ When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—
the moon and the stars you set in place—

⁴ what are mere mortals that you should think about them,
human beings that you should care for them?

⁵ Yet you made them only a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.

⁶ You gave them charge of everything you made,
putting all things under their authority—

⁷ the flocks and the herds
and all the wild animals,

⁸ the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea,
and everything that swims the ocean currents.

⁹ O LORD, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth! (New Living Translation)

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

**He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.**

**He's got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.**

**He's got the sun and the moon in His hands,
He's got the sun and the moon in His hands,
He's got the sun and the moon in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.**

**He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.**

Bible Reading

Job 12:7-10

⁷“Just ask the animals, and they will teach you.

Ask the birds of the sky, and they will tell you.

⁸ Speak to the earth, and it will instruct you.

Let the fish in the sea speak to you.

⁹ For they all know

that my disaster has come from the hand of the LORD.

¹⁰ For the life of every living thing is in his hand,
and the breath of every human being.

(NLT)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR EARTH DAY

We believe that creation is a gift from God, an expression of our Creator's goodness.

We believe that as human beings we are part of this creation and that we share in a special way in the creative power of God.

We believe that the resources of our lands and waters and air are precious gifts from our Creator, to be used and looked after with loving care.

We believe that there is a rhythm to God's creation, like a drum beat; when we lose the beat, or the drum is damaged, the music is out of tune.

We believe that in order to be good stewards of creation, we have the responsibility to seek information on important concerns of our people and our region, and to share information in our communities.

We believe that like flowers we can bloom fully only when we are planted in God's love.

We believe that as Christians we are called to be peace-makers, in the true peace which God promises us.

We believe that this may sometimes mean "disturbing the peace" as Jesus did, for a purpose – to restore the purpose of God.

We believe that we are invited to use our values and our culture to build societies of justice and peace.

**We express these beliefs, reminded of the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the cloud of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

**All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
changing bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

**Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.**