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Lord, I love your holy habitation, the place where your glory dwells. **People: For the Lord is in the holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before God.** Leader: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer. **People: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things! Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, and sing praises!**   \* Hymn I Sing the Mighty Power of God - GtG#32   Prayer of Confession  Generous God, we marvel at your creation, anew every day, a blessing to our senses. We come though, knowing that we have failed to love creation. We have failed to care for your land and the harvest. We have distorted your words of creation to fulfill our own desires. We have taken creation for granted, we have not marveled at your works. Forgive us, renew us, and restore us to faithful stewards of your creation. Amen.   Silent Prayers of Confession   Words of Assurance (responsive) Leader: The God of all creation comes to create in us a pure and clean heart every time we reach out and seek forgiveness in authenticity. **People: Thanks be to God, our great Creator, who is quick to forgive in love and mercy. Amen.**   The Peace Leader: The peace of Christ be with you! **People: And also with you!** (You may greet those around you)   The Proclamation of the Word   Prayer of Illumination  Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.   Scripture Lesson Genesis 1-2 Abridged Another Account of the Creation In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, **5**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; **6**but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— **7**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. **8**And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. **9**Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. **10**A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. **11**The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; **12**and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. **13**The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. **14**The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. **15**The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. **16**And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; **17**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.” **18**Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” **19**So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. **20**The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man[[c](https://gmail.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f1606ba25f61bd2fff7873030&id=19007ea42a&e=ea8fc2a60a)] there was not found a helper as his partner. **21**So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. **22**And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. **23**Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” **24**Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. **25**And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.   Time with Young People    Sermon Adam, Eve, and Steve    The Response to the Word   \* Hymn Great Is Thy Faithfulness - GtG#39  Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer  “For this I pray to God” / “For this I give thanks to God.” Congregational Response: “**Hear our prayer, O God.”**  Generous God,  ...  And now, in confidence and in gratitude, we say the prayer together that Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, taught us to pray...   **Our Father,** **Who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name** **Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.** **On Earth as it is in Heaven** **And 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**   Offertory Prayer   Hymn I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes - GtG#45   Charge and Benediction Leader: We look out to creation, **People: We praise our Creator for the harvest.** Leader: May we honor creation, **People: By nourishing it and being stewards.** Leader: And may we honor the creation stories, **People: And use them rightfully to teach of the love of God.** | | |