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## Worship at The WELL

### Gathering Music

#### Welcome and Greeting One Another

**Song for All** "Land of My Father"

### Announcements & Community Connections

#### Giving OF Our Gifts

**Song for all** "God of Wonders"

### The Word in Images

#### The Word in Scripture

Psalm 8

#### The Message

*Grounded Sermon Series: Part 1*

"God of Dirt, Water, Sky"

#### Prayer Station

*Today's scripture is from the prayer book of the Bible called the Psalms. In the bulletin you'll see 2 versions of the same passage. As you sit quietly, read them to yourself, then try writing a 3<sup>rd</sup> version, of the same passage, in your own words. It's OK if you don't get thru it all; just try re-writing a couple of verses in a way that is your prayer to God. You can also sketch a drawing instead of words if you prefer.*

#### Focus Song

"Here Comes the Sun"

*Little darling, it's been a long cold lonely winter  
Little darling, it feels like years since it's been here  
Here comes the sun, here comes the sun  
And I say it's all right*

*Little darling, the smiles returning to the faces  
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been here  
Here comes the sun, here comes the sun  
And I say it's all right*

*Sun, sun, sun, here it comes  
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes*

*Little darling, I feel that ice is slowly melting  
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been clear  
Here comes the sun, here comes the sun  
And I say it's all right*

## Prayer for All Sinners and Saints

### Song for All

"He Reigns"

### Blessing

(adapted from Wendell Berry)

One: Love this world. And also Love the Lord.  
Work for nothing, sometimes.

**ALL: Love someone who does not deserve it.**

**Plant sequoias, even when you know life is brief.**

**Be joyful, though you have considered the facts.**

One: And practice resurrection while moving through this world.  
Go in the peace of Christ.

### Parting Music

**Here are 2 versions of today' scripture. Each has a style and a voice;  
can you appreciate both?**

**Can you imagine what may have inspired the original writer of these words?**

### Psalm 8 (The Message Version)

<sup>8</sup> GOD, brilliant Lord, yours is a household name.

<sup>2</sup> Nursing infants gurgle choruses about you;  
toddlers shout the songs

That drown out enemy talk, and silence atheist babble.

<sup>3-4</sup> I look up at your macro-skies, dark and enormous,  
your handmade sky-jewelry,

Moon and stars mounted in their settings.

Then I look at my micro-self and wonder,

Why do you bother with us?

Why take a second look our way?

<sup>5-8</sup> Yet we've so narrowly missed being gods,  
bright with Eden's dawn light.

You put us in charge of your handcrafted world,  
repeated to us your Genesis-charge,

Made us lords of sheep and cattle,

even animals out in the wild,

Birds flying and fish swimming,

whales singing in the ocean deeps.

<sup>9</sup> GOD, brilliant Lord, your name echoes around the world.

### Psalm 8 (New Revised Standard Version)

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

<sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;

<sup>4</sup> what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals<sup>[a]</sup> that you care for them?

<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them a little lower than God,<sup>[b]</sup>  
and crowned them with glory and honor.

<sup>6</sup> You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,

<sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup> the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

<sup>9</sup> O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!