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"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 3rd 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)

⁸ GOD, brilliant Lord, yours is a household name.

² Nursing infants gurgle choruses about you;
toddlers shout the songs

That drown out enemy talk, and silence atheist babble.

³⁻⁴ 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?

⁵⁻⁸ 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.

⁹ GOD, brilliant Lord, your name echoes around the world.

Psalm 8 (New Revised Standard Version)

¹ O LORD, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

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

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

⁴ what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals^[a] that you care for them?

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

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

⁷ all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,

⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

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