



Sunday  
June 28, 2020

## Calvary and Zion United Methodist Churches

**Hymn: #144 This Is My Father's World**

**Call to Worship:**

**M.** O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.

**P.** When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made us a little lower than God, and crowned us with glory and honor. You have made us responsible over the works of your hands.

**Prayer:** Almighty God, You have made yourself known to us as Creator, Redeemer and sustainer. Make yourself known to us in such a way that we may understand your will and purpose for our lives today. We offer our prayers in the name and spirit of Christ. Amen

**Hymn: # 2170 God Made From One Blood**

**Prayers:** Take time now to pray for the individuals on our prayer list and anyone else you would like.

**Birthdays:** LuAnn Desotelle 6/28, Ralph Taylor 6/28, Chris Fenner 6/29, John Landwehr 7/3, Sue Lewis 7/3

**Scripture:** Genesis 9:8-17

8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' <sup>12</sup>God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that

**Message:** Every Nation under heaven

Gen. 9:8 & 9 <sup>8</sup>*Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him,* <sup>9</sup>*As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you.*

This covenant is unconditional and no requirement is laid upon humanity. This is God's promise of mercy that undergirds our lives. Over the years, we have witnessed natural events that might have an effect over all the earth. There are also human-made disasters that cause us worry about the future of humanity. I recall a movie I saw about an all-out nuclear war called "On the Beach" that scared me, because there appeared no way to avoid the world-wide fallout. As the threat of nuclear war has somewhat faded, it is replaced by environmental concerns, societal injustices, and now a virus that causes distress and for many threatens everything they have. As time goes on we may feel hopeless, but at that point we recall the words of God to Noah that assured him that God was not only Creator but Sustainer.

God chose the symbol of the rainbow and put it in the sky so all could see it - to signal the end of a catastrophe and to assure humanity that there is hope. Today there are dark clouds that make it hard to see the rainbow. There are clouds of societal injustices that the virus and other events have shined a light on. There are clouds of fear that we may not be able to resume our normal lives again. These dark clouds have a way of covering up the promise of God given to Noah and all people under heaven. Hope is not a blind or feeble wish, but it is an expectation that can arouse the energy of will. To reach what is desired may be difficult, but the belief in what lies beyond the barrier of difficulties is the rainbow.

When you see a rainbow in the sky you notice a couple of things about it. It covers the whole sky from horizon to horizon and the only time it does not is if the clouds are in the way. It arcs over all of us - not just some. The other is that it contains many colors. The promise is to all humanity regardless of race, nationality, religious beliefs and sexual orientation.

When it becomes hard to see a future with hope, recall the images of tens of thousands standing in support to end injustice. Recall the images of a pizza place making face shields instead of pizzas. Recall children making bracelets to support people in need. These are rainbows that may not be in the sky, but we can still see them and know that God's mercy and love still undergirds our lives.

**Response to the Word: Memorize this prayer**—God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.

**Closing Hymn: # 2237 As a Fire Is Meant For Burning**

**Benediction:** Go with the calm assurance that the unparalleled love of God surrounds, upholds, and preserves your life. Amen

# This Is My Father's World

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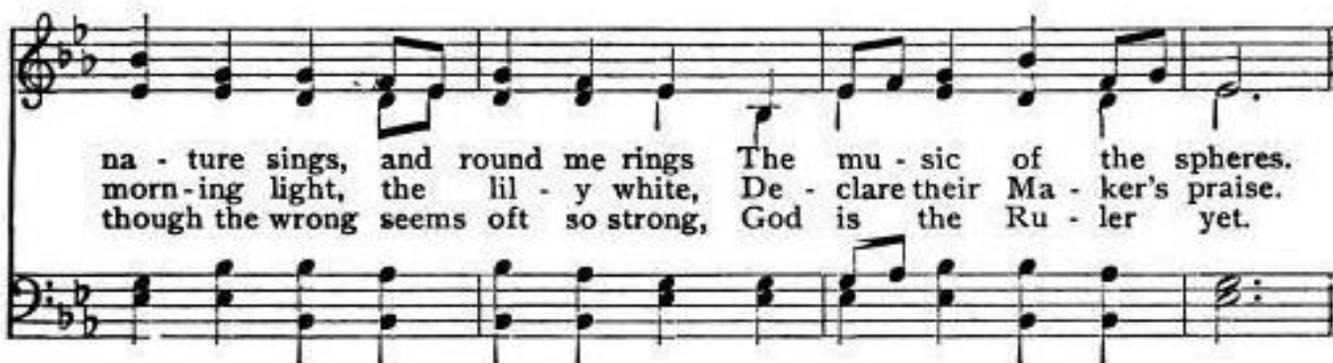
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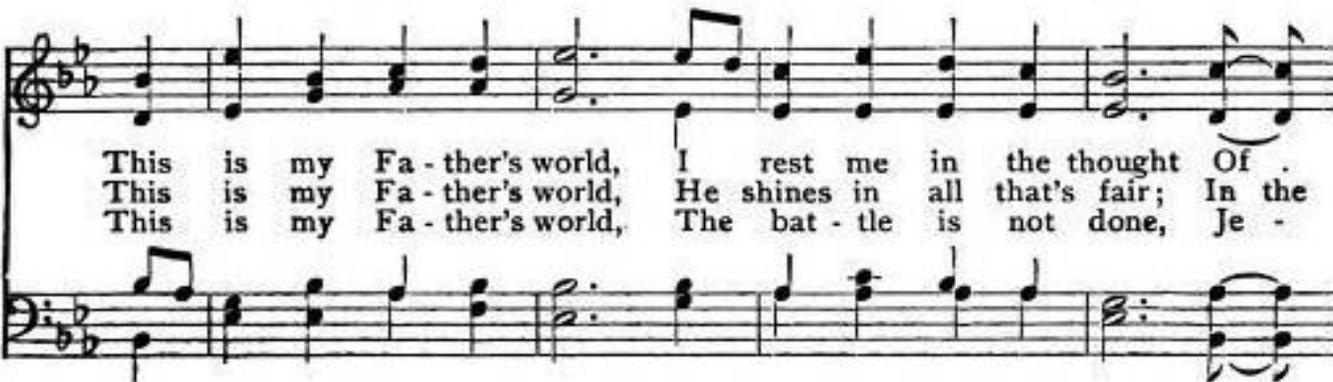
Traditional English Melody  
Arranged by S. F. L., 1915



1. This is my Fa-ther's world, And to my list-ening ears, All  
2. This is my Fa-ther's world, The birds their car-ols raise, The  
3. This is my Fa-ther's world, O let me ne'er for-get That



na-ture sings, and round me rings The mu-sic of the spheres.  
morn-ing light, the lil-y white, De-clare their Ma-ker's praise.  
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ru-ler yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world, I rest me in the thought Of  
This is my Fa-ther's world, He shines in all that's fair; In the  
This is my Fa-ther's world, The bat-tle is not done, Je-



rocks and trees, of . skies and seas—His hand the won-ders wrought.  
rust-ling grass I . hear him pass, He speaks to me ev-ery-where.  
sus who died shall be sat-is-fied, And earth and heaven be one. A-MEN.

## God made from one blood

God made from one blood all the families of Earth. The circles of nurture that raised us from birth. Companions who join us to walk through each stage, of childhood and youth, adulthood and age.

We turn to you, God, with our thanks and our tears. For all of the families we've known through the years. The intimate networks on whom we depend, of parents and partner and roommate and friend.

We learn through our families how closeness and trust, increase when our actions are loving and just. Yet, families mistreating their members and bruising their souls. Have also distorted their roles, mistreating their members and bruising their souls.

So, give, Lord, each family in conflict and storm, a sense of Your wisdom and grace that transform. Sharp anger to insight which strengthens the heart and makes clear the place where rebuilding can start.

Then, widen that wisdom and grace to include, the races and viewpoints our families exclude. 'Til peace in each home bears and nurtures the bud, of peace shared by all you have made from one blood.

## As A Fire Is Meant For Burning

Text: Ruth Duck  
Tune: Beach Spring



1. As a fire is meant for burn - ing With a bright and warm - ing flame, so the  
2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; we are pil - grims on the way. We are  
3. As a green bud in the spring - time is a sign of life re - newed, so may



church is meant for mis - sion, giv - ing glo - ry to God's name. Not to  
seek - ers; we are giv - ers; we are ves - sels made of clay. By our  
we be signs of one - ness 'mid earth's peo - ples, man - y hues. As a



preach our creeds or cust - oms, but to build a bridge of care, we join  
gen - tle, lov - ing ac - tions, when a storm that Christ is light. In a  
rain - bow lights the heav - ens, when a storm that Christ is light. In a  
may our



hands a - cross the na - tions, find - ing neigh - bors ev - 'ry - where.  
hum - ble, list - ning Spir - it, we would live to God's de - light.  
lives re - flect the ra - diance of God's new and glor - ious dawn.



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Into a Vital Faith*

**Our Prayers**

**God's Healing Touch**

Terry Carlson, brother of Jan Johnson  
Juanita Alley  
Bob and Barb Cable  
Don Olson  
Melvin Pfister  
Kayla Edwards, niece of Fred Lewis  
Craig Franke

**Families of those who have died**

**Members Who are Homebound  
Or are in Care Facilities**

Evelyn Mueller  
Wes Fischer  
Mary Ann Masson  
Jeanne Desotelle

**Those Serving in the Military  
and Others in National Service**

**Marines**

Michael Frelk, Gabriel Holcomb, Adam Reinhardt,  
Samuel Carrasco

**Air Force**

Sarah Carrasco, James Fouts, Paul Lewis

**Army National Guard**

Justin Bowden

**Army**

Colin Snook, David Norwick

**Navy**

Jake Vallone, Derek Olsen, Brian Olsen, Jared  
Hentz

**In Our Community**

For all who own businesses  
For all of those out of work  
For those whom are struggling  
For those who are working twice as hard  
For all of you who provide support  
Thanks to you ALL!

**Mission of the Month**

**July 2020**

**Calvary and Zion will collect funds in support of families during the month of June for The Sunshine House. Since its inception, Sunshine House Inc. has been providing services to Door County's citizen's with special needs and disabilities. Each individual who participates in the services offered at Sunshine house Inc. has a unique program designed to meet each individual's requirements.**

**Circumstances that may have affected an individual include: developmental disability, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, early-onset Alzheimer's disease, stroke, other neurological disorders and brain trauma.**

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