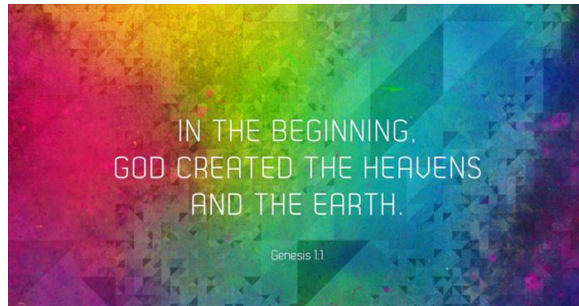




**CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



May 31, 2026

10:00 am

*\*AN ASTERISK IN THE BULLETIN INDICATES THAT ALL FOR WHOM IT IS COMFORTABLE SHOULD RISE FOR THAT PART OF THE SERVICE\**

**RINGING OF THE CHIMES**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Matt Howard

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

'God Of The Fertile Fields'

No. 695

**CALL TO GATHERING<sup>1</sup>** *(Inspired By Psalm 8)*

Leader: O Holy One, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**ALL: We admire the work of your hands in awe and thanksgiving!**

Leader: O Holy One, our Redeemer, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**ALL: Who are we that you come to us, empower us, and give us rest?**

Leader: O Holy One, our Companion, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**ALL: Let us worship the Triune God with honor and glory! How majestic are your many names in all the earth!**

**OPENING PRAYER<sup>1</sup>**

**\*HYMN**

'All Things Bright And Beautiful'

No. 61

**\*PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE<sup>1</sup>**

**ALL: Creator, we give thanks that creation does not end; it rests. In your created order, rest is often the time and space necessary for renewal. Transformation happens in rest. Too often, we adopt the pace of the world that adopts hurry as normative and beneficial. Yet, we know, Holy Love, that when you began the work of creation, it served to bring order out of chaos, and it was good. As we seek your goodness today, we confess that we live in chaotic times. We affirm that you have charged us to care for this creation and have made us like you. Use us then to bring order in a chaotic world and to use rest as a necessary step for transformation and renewal. Help us discern the balance of rest and work that will yield good fruit. Amen.**

**\*WORDS OF GRACE<sup>1</sup>**

## SCRIPTURE

## Genesis 1:1-2:4

**World's creation in seven days**

*1 When God began to create<sup>[a]</sup> the heavens and the earth— 2 the earth was without shape or form, it was dark over the deep sea, and God's wind swept over the waters— 3 God said, "Let there be light." And so light appeared. 4 God saw how good the light was. God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God named the light Day and the darkness Night.*

*There was evening and there was morning: the first day.*

*6 God said, "Let there be a dome in the middle of the waters to separate the waters from each other." 7 God made the dome and separated the waters under the dome from the waters above the dome. And it happened in that way. 8 God named the dome Sky.*

*There was evening and there was morning: the second day.*

*9 God said, "Let the waters under the sky come together into one place so that the dry land can appear." And that's what happened. 10 God named the dry land Earth, and he named the gathered waters Seas. God saw how good it was. 11 God said, "Let the earth grow plant life: plants yielding seeds and fruit trees bearing fruit with seeds inside it, each according to its kind throughout the earth." And that's what happened. 12 The earth produced plant life: plants yielding seeds, each according to its kind, and trees bearing fruit with seeds inside it, each according to its kind. God saw how good it was.*

*13 There was evening and there was morning: the third day.*

*14 God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night. They will mark events, sacred seasons, days, and years. 15 They will be lights in the dome of the sky to shine on the earth." And that's what happened. 16 God made the stars and two great lights: the larger light to rule over the day and the smaller light to rule over the night. 17 God put them in the dome of the sky to shine on the earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. God saw how good it was.*

*19 There was evening and there was morning: the fourth day.*

*20 God said, "Let the waters swarm with living things, and let birds fly above the earth up in the dome of the sky." 21 God created the great sea animals and all the tiny living things that swarm in the waters, each according to its kind, and all the winged birds, each according to its kind. God saw how good it was. 22 Then God blessed them: "Be fertile and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth."*

*23 There was evening and there was morning: the fifth day.*

*24 God said, "Let the earth produce every kind of living thing: livestock, crawling things, and wildlife." And that's what happened. 25 God made every kind of wildlife, every kind of livestock, and every kind of creature that crawls on the ground. God saw how good it was. 26 Then God said, "Let us make humanity in our image to resemble us so that they may take charge of the*

*fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all the crawling things on earth.”*

*<sup>27</sup> God created humanity in God’s own image, in the divine image God created them,<sup>[b]</sup> male and female God created them.*

*<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, “Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and master it. Take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, and everything crawling on the ground.”*

*<sup>29</sup> Then God said, “I now give to you all the plants on the earth that yield seeds and all the trees whose fruit produces its seeds within it. These will be your food. <sup>30</sup> To all wildlife, to all the birds in the sky, and to everything crawling on the ground—to everything that breathes—I give all the green grasses for food.” And that’s what happened. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything he had made: it was supremely good.*

*There was evening and there was morning: the sixth day.*

***2** The heavens and the earth and all who live in them were completed. <sup>2</sup> On the sixth <sup>[c]</sup> day God completed all the work that he had done, and on the seventh day God rested from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all the work of creation.<sup>[d]</sup> <sup>4</sup> This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created.*

## **SERMON**

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

## **MUSIC FOR REFLECTION**

Alex Green

*During this time, we invite you to embrace the transition from hearing the word to gathering ourselves in prayer by taking a moment for quiet reflection either in your pew, or by coming forward to light a candle to give light to the prayer(s) on your heart that have no words to be expressed.*

**Come and Light a Candle...**



## **PASTORAL PRAYER<sup>1</sup>**

### **THE PRAYER OF JESUS** *(in unison)*

**Our Creator (Father) who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO GENEROSITY<sup>1</sup>**

### **OFFERTORY**

‘Justice Will Rise’

(Miller)

### **\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

‘Creative God, You Spread The Earth’ (vs. 1)

No. 697

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION<sup>1</sup>**

**\*HYMN** 'Let All Things Now Living' No. 717

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** 'Allemande' (from French Suite No. 6) (Bach)

**Participating In Today's Worship Service:**

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor  
Alex Green, Music Director  
Abigail Nordan, Soloist  
David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter  
Dani Kardisco, Faith Formation Director

*<sup>1</sup>Rest Made Holy: Service Prayers for Trinity Sunday Year A was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.*

## God of the Fertile Fields

1. God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of  
 2. We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in  
 3. As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that  
 4. God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread; forth from your  
 trust from you all that you give; help us in  
 serves our need, your reign yet grows. So let our  
 Christ who died to make us one; we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,  
 love to share, teach us like you to care  
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,  
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you;

that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.  
 for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.  
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.  
 guide all we say and do, till life is done.

WORDS: Georgia Harkness, 1955, alt.  
 MUSIC: Felice de Giardini, 1769

ITALIAN HYMN  
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Alt. tune: AMERICA

# 61 All Things Bright and Beautiful

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,

all things wise and won - der - ful, in love God made them all. *Fine*


1. Each lit - tle flower that op - ens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
 2. The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tain, the riv - er run - ning by,  
 3. The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun.

WORDS: Cecil F. Alexander, 1848  
 MUSIC: English melody (17th century); adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915

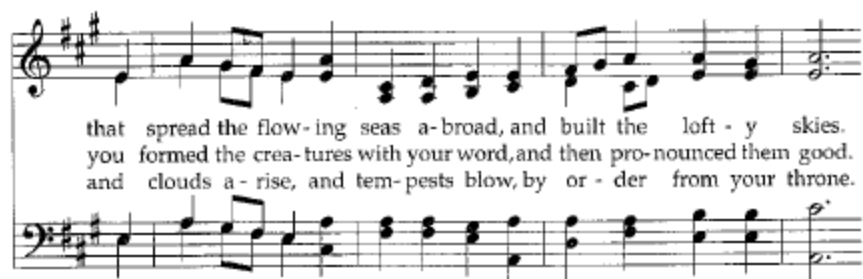
ROYAL OAK  
 76.76 w. refrain

God made their glow - ing col - ors, and made their tin - y wings.  
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.  
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one. *D.C.*

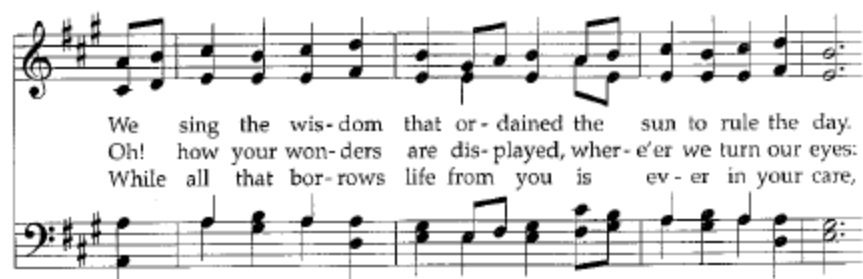
# We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God 64



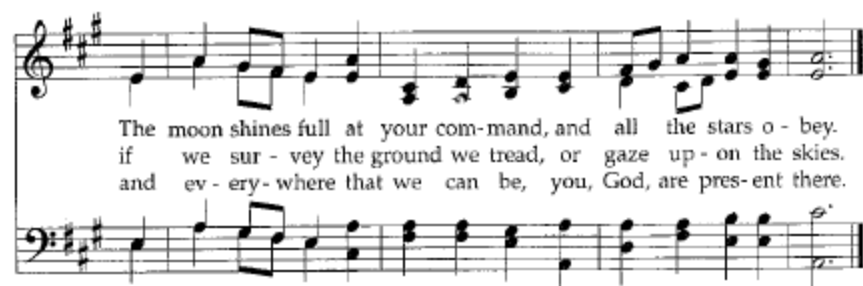
1. We sing your might-y power, O God, that made the moun-tains rise,  
2. We sing your good-ness, sov-ereign God, who filled the earth with food;  
3. There's not a plant or flower be-low, but makes your glo-ries known;



that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad, and built the loft - y skies.  
you formed the crea-tures with your word, and then pro-nounced them good.  
and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from your throne.



We sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.  
Oh! how your won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er we turn our eyes:  
While all that bor-rows life from you is ev - er in your care,



The moon shines full at your com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
if we sur - vey the ground we tread, or gaze up - on the skies.  
and ev - ery - where that we can be, you, God, are pres-ent there.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1715, alt.  
MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der H. W. k. Hofkapelle*, 1784

ELLACOMBE  
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# 697 Creative God, You Spread the Earth

1. Cre - a - tive God, you spread the earth with  
 2. The plan - et teemed with liv - ing things be -  
 3. O play - ful God, you fill the field with

life in man - y forms: the deer and elk and  
 fore all hu - man birth, and e - ven fire and  
 lav - en - der and blue. You paint the bird with

col - um - bine, the bee in hum - ming swarms. For -  
 beasts of prey re - newed the life of earth. For -  
 in - di - go, with red or tawn - y hue. For -

give us for each flow'r and bird now van - ished by our  
 give us, that, the last to come, we threat - en sea and  
 give us that we grieve your heart, de - stroy - ing what you

WORDS: Ruth Duck, 1991  
 MUSIC: Traditional English melody; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams

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hand. Teach us to treat with  
 air. Teach us to tend life's  
 do, and teach us simp - ler,

lov - ing care the crea - tures of the land.  
 frag - ile web with wise and ten - der care.  
 gen - tler ways to live on earth with you.

## Let All Things Now Living

*Descant*

2. Ah.

*Unison*

1. Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
 2. By law God en - forc - es. The stars in their cours - es, the

sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine. Ah.

God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise; who fash - ioned and  
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the hills and the

the depths of the o - cean pro -

made us, pro - tect - ed and stay - ed us, by guid - ing us on to the  
 moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the depths of the o - cean pro -

WORDS: Katherine K. Davis, 1939, alt.  
 MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; desc. Katherine K. Davis, 1939

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claim God di - vine. Re - joice, re -

end of our days, God's ban - ners are o'er us, pure light goes be -  
 claim God di - vine. We, too, should be voic - ing our love and re -

joice! With glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise.

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night till  
 joic - ing with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise: till

Ah. to

shad - ows have van - ished, all fear - ful - ness ban - ished, as  
 all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing, to

God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.  
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.