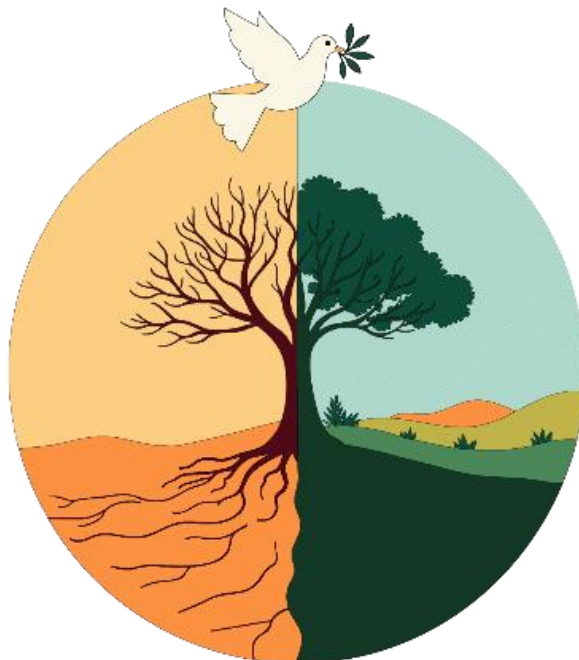


SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 SEASON OF CREATION

<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Wendy</i>
Meditation Song - All of Creation Groans	Helen + Radhika
Welcome, Greeting, Candle, Stillness	Heather
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Call to Worship	Heather
Hymn - How Great Thou Art + How Great is Our God (chorus + bridge)	Helen + Radhika
Prayer of Confession and Assurance	Heather
Reflection Song - World on Edge	Radhika
The Peace	Heather
Moment for the Young at Heart	Jen
Readings – Psalm 104:14-15, 25-27, Acts 4:32-35	Alison
Reflection	Rev Radhika Sukumar-White
Song - Known By Love	Helen + Radhika
Prayers of the People	Brian
The Lord's Prayer	Brian
Community News	Helen
Children Sharing	Heather/Carolyn

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Amen + music	Helen + Radhika
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Sunday 21st September 2025 – Season of Creation 3

Greeter: *Wendy*

Leader: *Heather*

Meditation Song: All of Creation Groans (Helen Wright)

(please remain seated)

1. Desert's drying
Mountains shake and tremble
Seas are warming
Species fade away
Still, you're sovereign
You're bringing restoration
And all the earth
It cries to you

Chorus

All of creation groans
Longing for you to come
We join with creation
And sing come, Jesus come

2. Conflict's rising
Nations crack at the seams
People dying
Hunger and disease
Still, you're hovering
Your Spirit renewing
And all the earth
It cries to you

Chorus

All of creation groans
Longing for you to come
We join with creation
And sing come

All of creation groans
Longing for you to come
We join with creation
And sing come, Jesus come

We sing come, Jesus come
We sing come, Jesus come
We sing come, Jesus come

Welcome: Heather

Greeting:

May Christ be with you
And also with you

Christ Candle:

We light this candle as a reminder of Christ
The firstborn over all creation
In whom all things were created
Visible and invisible
In whom all things hold together
Present with us now

Moment of Stillness

Acknowledgement of Country:

We acknowledge this morning that we gather on unceded land and acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Wangal and Gadigal, paying respects to Elders past, present and future. We acknowledge their care for these lands and waters, on behalf of our Almighty Creator, since time immemorial. We promise to tread softly on this land. And we commit afresh to walking the paths of justice and restoration, for the flourishing of all.

Call to Worship: Heather

(based on Psalm 104 Inclusive Bible)

Bless YHWH, my soul!
YHWH, my God, how great you are!

**Clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in a robe of light,
you stretch the heavens out like a tent.**

You lay the beams for your palace on the waters above;
you use the clouds as your chariot
and ride on the wings of the wind;

**You use the winds as messengers
and fiery flames as attendants.**

You set springs gushing in ravines, running down between the mountains,
supplying water for wild animals and attracting the thirsty wild donkeys;

**The birds of the air make their nests by these waters
and sing among the branches.**

The trees of YHWH drink their fill—
those cedars of Lebanon, where birds build their nest
and, on the highest branches, the stork makes its home.

**For the wild goats there are the high mountains,
and in the crags the rock badgers hide.**

You made the moon to tell the seasons, and the sun knows when to set
You bring darkness on, night falls, and all the forest animals come out

**YHWH, what variety you have created,
arranging everything so wisely!
the earth is filled with your creativity!**

I will sing to you all my life, I will make music for my God as long as I live.

**Bless YHWH, my soul!
Alleluia!**

Hymn: How Great Thou Art/How Great is Our God

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all, the works thy hand hath made
I see the stars, I hear the following thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Chorus

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
How great thou art, how great thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

Chorus

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
How great thou art, how great thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee

Interlude

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, all will see
How great, how great, is our God

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
And my heart will sing
How great is our God

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, all will see
How great, how great, is our God

Chorus

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
How great thou art, how great thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
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Prayer of Confession: Heather

We come to God knowing that we have failed to obey the call of Jesus, to love God and one another with our whole hearts; we have failed to care for the earth and to love the community of all creation. We come also to a God who reaches out to us with healing and reconciliation.

In this knowledge, let us pray:

Holy God, Creator and Lover of all that is,
we confess to you that we have turned away from you.
We have failed in our care for the land and its creatures,
we have been greedy, destructive, and wasteful
of the resources you entrust to us.
We have polluted air and water,
eroded soil and salty earth,
deprived birds and animals of their habitat,
and left our neighbours hungry and thirsty by our selfishness:
all these cry out to us.
We struggle to know the way to restore what we have damaged,
and are in great sorrow and distress.

Silent reflection

Forgive us, we pray.
Give us grace to change our ways, to make amends
and to work together for the healing of your world.
In Jesus name we pray

Amen

Words of Assurance:

The grace of God is infinite and free.
Rise up and live with faith and hope.
Hear then Christ's words of grace to us:
'Your sins are forgiven'.

Thanks be to God

Reflection Song:
World on Edge by Radhika Sukumar-White

Peace: *Heather*

In a world crying out for peace,
We are reminded to be a people of peace
May we practice what we preach
And extend our hands as an offering of peace
In this place and beyond these walls

May the peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

Sharing of the peace

Moment for the young at heart: *Jen*

Bible Readings: *Alison*

Psalms 104:14,15, 27-29

14 You cause the grass to grow for the cattle
and plants for people to cultivate,
to bring forth food from the earth
15 and wine to gladden the human heart,
oil to make the face shine
and bread to strengthen the human heart.

27 These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;
28 when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.

Acts 4:32-35

32 Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul,

and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. 33 With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. 35 They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Hear the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Reflection: Rev. Radhika Sukumar-White

Moment of Silence

Song: Known by Love (Glen Spencer and Charissa Suli)

1. You are the potter
We are the clay
You gently form us
To move in your ways
Spinning and turning
Held in your gaze
Beauty emerging
Centred in grace

Chorus

Come, Spirit come strangely warm our hearts
Come, Spirit come strangely warm our hearts again

2. You are the weaver
We are the leaves
Woven together
Crossing boundaries
A fala of welcome
A fala of peace
Rich conversation

All heard and all seen

Chorus

Come, Spirit come strangely warm our hearts
Come, Spirit come strangely warm our hearts again

Bridge

May our lives, may our lives
Be formed by love, by love
May our church, may our church
Be known by love, by love
By love

Chorus

Come, Spirit come strangely warm our hearts
Come, Spirit come strangely warm our hearts again

Prayers of the People: Brian

The Lord's Prayer: Brian

**Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name.
your kingdom come
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread
forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us in the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours.
Now and forever.
Amen**

Community News – *Helen*

Hearing from our children - *Heather/Carolyn*

Song: For You Deep Stillness (Robin Mann & Julie Perrin)

For you, deep stillness of the silent inland;
For you, deep blue of the desert skies;
For you, flame red of the rocks and stones;
For you, sweet water from hidden springs.

From the edges, seek the heartlands,
And when you're burnt by the journey,
May the cool winds of the hovering Spirit
Soothe and replenish you:

In the name of Christ,
In the name of Christ,
In the name of Christ.

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Benediction: *Heather*

Go from this place as people on the way
Join the work of new creation
Strengthened by the Spirit of peace
Standing shoulder to shoulder
In the pursuit of justice
And the restoration of all of creation

And may God, overflowing in eternal love
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer
Be with you now and remain with always

3-fold-Amen

Pastoral Prayers: *Christo*

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