



WODEN VALLEY UNITING CHURCH

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Season of Creation 2025: Sheep Who Have Lost Their Way

SHEPHERD'S VOICE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.
- JOHN 10:27 NIV

10 a.m. Worship 14 September 2025

Jesus practiced radical inclusion! All are welcome here.

We Gather as People of God

The Gong is sounded 3 times

Prelude Music

Acknowledgement of First Peoples

Lighting the Community Candle

Gathering

We meet in the name of God,
who has created all things,
the name of Jesus Christ,
who gives new life to all who seek,
and the name of the Spirit,
who gives breath to us all. Amen.

**All things on our planet!
Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!**

Call to Worship

Planet Earth, spinning silently through space:
**We celebrate your beauty and your grace,
your special place in our solar system.**

Planet Earth, gleaming green and blue:
**We rejoice in your ocean currents
as they dance and swirl with hope.**

Planet Earth, pulsing with life:
**We join in praise with all your fauna and flora
as they sing their songs to the Lord.**

Planet Earth, enveloped in the breath of God:
**We bless all your creatures this day
with the life-giving breath of God.**

Planet Earth, our precious, fragile home:
**We celebrate, with all your children,
God's presence in our planet home,**

Spin, Planet Earth, spin!
Sing, Planet Earth, sing!

We celebrate the song of our planet!
Sing! Planet Earth! Sing!

Song – For the beauty of the Earth

TiS 137 v1, 2, 4, 5

Welcome & Introduction

Prayer for the Earth

Passing the Peace

Song – Great is your faithfulness

TiS 154

(Please stand as you are able)

We Reflect on the Word for our time

Readings from the Bible and the World Around Us

Psalm 104 My soul, Praise the Lord (PFAS)

G D G

I My soul, praise the LORD! The LORD is most great,

D A D

with glo - ry ar - rayed, ma - jes - tic in state.

Em Am G D

The light is his gar - ment, the skies form a tent,

C D Am D G

and o - ver the wa - ters his cou - riers are sent.

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4. God causes the springs of water to flow
In streams from the hills to valleys below.
The Lord gives the streams for all living things there,
While birds with their singing enrapture the air.

5. Down mountains and hills your showers are sent.
With fruit of your work the earth is content.
You give grass for cattle and food for our toil,
Enriching our labours with bread, wine and oil.

6. The trees that the Lord has planted are fed,
And over the earth their branches are spread.
They keep in their shelter the birds of the air.
The life of each creature God keeps in his care.

10. Your creatures all look to you for their food.
Your hand opens wide, they gather the good.
When you hide your face, Lord, in anguish they yearn;
When you stop their breathing, to dust they return

R. Your Spirit, O Lord, makes life to abound.
The earth is renewed, and fruitful the ground.
To God be all glory and wisdom and might,
May God in his creatures forever delight.

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Luke 15:1-7

Reflection – Sheep Who Have Lost Their Way

We Respond to the Word

Song – God, the maker of the heavens

(Tune: What a Friend we have in Jesus)

(Please stand as you are able)

1. God, the maker of the heavens,
and the planet that we share,
show us how to live, like Jesus,
lives of gratitude and care.
Make us mindful of the footprints
from the lives that we pursue.
Make us partners in your mission:
you are making all things new.

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2. God, the gardener of Eden,
teach us how to tend this earth,
learning from the changing seasons,
times of fallow and new birth.
Lord have mercy when we're careless,
rich resources we misuse.
Use our hands to heal creation:
you are making all things new.
3. God of labour and vocation,
Lord of science, trade and art,
take our efforts and our passions
make them mirrors of your heart.
Every habitat and creature
loved and valued, God, by you.
May our lives reveal your Kingdom:
you are making all things new.

Light the Care Candle

Offering Prayer

Prayers of the People

Leader: Creator God:
Response: **May we hope and act with Creation.**

Song – Let all creation dance

TiS 187

Blessing

The Community Candle is extinguished

Postlude

'This week' at Woden Valley Uniting Church

Notices

Significant birthdays, anniversaries or events

Travel Candles

Fellowship

Morning tea is now served.

You are invited to share in the time of fellowship.

Order of Service has congregation responses printed in **bold**

References for OOS:

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