

PRAYER SERVICE: CELEBRATING CREATION

Leader: In the first chapter of Genesis, we learn that out of chaos God created an orderly world in which he assigned a preeminent place to man. Light was created first. Even before the day was separated from night, light was a foreshadowing of the coming of Jesus (the light of the world) coming to bring us away from the darkness of evil. Thus, God created Day and Night: the first day.

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

Speaker 1: The waters had a firmament above and below it. God called the dome “sky.” God directed that the water below the sky be gathered into a single basin. The dry land remaining was called “earth,” and God named the collected water “sea”: the second day.

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Leader: God saw how good it was, and he called forth vegetation of every kind or plant that bears seed in it and every kind of fruit tree that bears fruit with its seed in it: the third day.

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Speaker 1: Lights appears in the dome of the sky to detail day from night, fixed times, days and years. Stars, comets, meteors shed light upon the earth as they streak through the sky. Later, God created two greater lights. One would be placed in the sky to rule the day, and one would be placed in the dome where it could rule the night. Stars like the North Star and the constellations shone in glory to God: the fourth day.

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Leader: God said that the water should thrive with living creatures while birds flying in the dome would increase and multiply in the sky. Seeing that it was good, God blessed them, saying, “Be fertile, multiply, and fill the waters of the seas”: the fifth day.

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Speaker 1: God ordered, “Let there be wild things of all kinds and sizes.” When he had brought forth numerous animals, in a vast array, he provided everything to make a home for his greatest creations, Adam and Eve: the sixth day.

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Leader: God, thank you for your many gifts to us through creation. We are so grateful, and love you so much. Help us to learn to care for all you have created and appreciate it as your gift.

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