

HARRISONBURG BAPTIST CHURCH



 Welcome to  
**W**orship 



# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, April 21, 2024

10:30 am

*Creation Sunday*

**Welcome & Call to Worship**

Rev. Matt Winters

**Litany**

Dustyn Miller & Cindy Skelley

**\*Praise Song**

*God of Wonder*

**Prayer**

Doug Skelley

**\*Hymn**

*How Great Thou Art*

No. 10

**Poem**

“His Echo in Us”  
From *Vision of the Light: A Journey to Glory*  
by Katherine Archibold

Katherine Archibold

**Anthem**

*Look at the World*

Rutter

**Offertory Prayer**

Kathy Ritcher

**Offertory**

*This Is My Father's World*  
Char Turner, autoharp

**Children's Message**

Cindy Mandigo

*Children ages 4 through Grade 5 are welcome to sit with their parents during the remainder of the service, or they may meet in the foyer to go to Children's Church.*

**Message**

*Master of the Seas*  
Psalm 107:23-32

Rev. Matt Winters

**\*Closing Song**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
Verses 1, 2, 5 & 6

No. 44

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Matt Winters

**Going Forth**

*Hymn of Promise*  
Rosemary Lonberger, organ

arr. Lorenz



**IF YOU ARE A GUEST** with us today, we'd love to get to know you. Please take a moment after the service to visit the Info Desk to meet a staff member and receive a gift from HBC, or fill out a communication card to be added to our mailing list.

**ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES** are available upon request at the Information Desk.

\*Please stand as you are able.

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# THIS WEEK AT HBC

*For more information on these activities, speak to one of the pastors or contact the church office at 540.433.2456 or [office@hbcalive.org](mailto:office@hbcalive.org).*

**TODAY** 11:45am College Lunch  
5:30pm Youth Dinner & Bible Study

**MONDAY** 7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Mr. J's Bagels, E. Market St.)

**TUESDAY** 10:30am Tuesdays Together Bible Study  
4:00pm Jubellation Handbell Practice

**WEDNESDAY** 10:00am Ladies' Prayer Group  
6:00pm Choir Practice

**SATURDAY** 10:30am Community Bag Lunch  
3:30pm Youth & College JMU Tour and Q&A

**NEXT SUNDAY** 9:15am Sunday School classes  
10:30am Community Worship  
11:45am College Lunch  
2:00pm VBS Decorating Party  
5:30pm Youth Dinner & Bible Study

## HBC MINISTRY STAFF

Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Winters, Senior Pastor

Rev. Eli Withers, Associate Pastor

Rev. Katelyn Belcher, Youth Pastor

Dr. Gary Ritcher, Director of Music & Worship

Erin Waddell, Praise Team Leader

Rosemary Lonberger, Organist

Harold Bailey, Pianist

SCAN TO GIVE



# THE STORY AND THE SONG

Compiled by Rev. Eli Withers

Paraphrase from Psalm 19, Hebrews 1 and Genesis 1 in *The Jesus Storybook Bible*, lyrics from *For the Beauty of the Earth* and *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

*Leader* - The Heavens are singing about how great God is; and the skies are shouting it out,

**ALL - “See what God has made!”**

*Leader* - Day after day... Night after night... They are speaking to us. In the beginning, there was nothing. Nothing to hear. Nothing to feel.

**ALL - Nothing to see.**

*Leader* - Only emptiness. And darkness. And... nothing but nothing... *except...*

**ALL - ...God was there. And God had a wonderful Plan.**

*Leader* - “I’ll take this emptiness...” God said, “and I’ll fill it up! Out of the darkness, I’m going to make light! And out of the nothing, I’m going to make...”

**ALL - EVERYTHING!”**

*Leader* - God spoke. That’s all. And whatever God said, it happened. God wrote, “I love you!” He wrote it in the sky, and on the earth, and under the sea.

**ALL - He wrote his message everywhere!**

*Leader* - Because God created everything in His world to reflect him like a mirror, to show us what He is like, to help us know Him, to make our hearts sing. And God saw that it was good. And still today,

**ALL - It is good!**

Cont’d on reverse

*Leader* - And still, God invites us into this gift he created. He invites us to see... the skies, the mountains, the oceans... the butterflies, the birds, and the slow, purposeful sloth... the amphibian, the lamb, and the cow by the road...

**ALL - The flowers, the honeybees, the lightning bugs and all living things.**

*Leader* - And God calls you and me to care for the beauty of the earth... For the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies. God calls you and me to see... the wonder of each hour, of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower,

**ALL - Sun and moon and stars of light,**

*Leader* - All things bright and beautiful, all things great and small,

**ALL - All things wise and wonderful; Our God made them all.**

*Leader* - He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

**ALL - How good is God our Father**

*Leader* - He who doeth all things well. We gather together to celebrate God's masterpiece. We gather to be with the One who has given so much. We gather to give ourselves to our Creator in our small acts of worship. And even as we leave this place today, we continue to worship God as we bear witness to and care for all that he created.

**ALL - And God saw that it was good!!**