

# Creation and the Fall

September 8, 2024

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## GATHERING

Jeremy Botts, Song Leader

*Here to the House of God We Come*

VT #27

Welcome

Nathan Perrin

Call to Worship

Leader: Creator God, thank you for people  
and places that stretch us,

**People: help us grow, and lead us to know you more.**

Leader: We see you in wind through the trees  
and voices raised in silly songs.

**People: We feel you in cool splashes of water  
and the warm sun on our faces.**

Leader: We know that you are always with us,

**All: leading us as the great Adventure Guide.**

**Amen.**

—VT #954 (adapted)

Opening Prayer

## PRAISING

*We Dream of a Turning*

VT #209

*God Be The Love*

VT #43

## CONFESSING

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 51

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your great compassion,  
blot out my transgressions.

**People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

**For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.**

Leader: Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and put a new and steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence  
and do not take away your holy spirit from me.

**All: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.** —VT #889

Words of Assurance

Music for Meditation

Bremen Town String Band

*Come, Thou Fount* (VT #563)

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Joe Hayward

Leader: Listen for the Word of the Lord.

**People: Our ears are open.**

Genesis 2: 15-3: 8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Message

Richard and Barbara Krehbiel Gehring

“Adam & Eve: Lost Connections”

Music for Reflection

Bremen Town String Band

*Keep on the Sunny Side* (Blenkhorn & Entwisle)

Message: “Adam & Eve: The Grandparent Years”

Listening for the Spirit

*When at Creation's Dawn*

VT #121

## SHARING IN COMMUNITY

Offering Prayer

## Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Work of the Church

### SENDING

*Touch the Earth Lightly*

VT #145

Words of Blessing

### This Week

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**Mon**—ACA Mtg, 8:30 PM

**Tue**—Mission Commission,  
5:30 PM

Contemplative Prayer via  
Zoom, 7 PM

**Wed**—Women of the Word  
Bible Study, 9:30 AM

Ministry Team, 7 PM

**Thu**—Menno Men, 9:30 AM

Pastoral Care, 7 PM

**Sat**—Private Event, 6:30 PM  
(Fellowship Hall)

## Announcements

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- We still **need three more Sunday school teachers** to fully staff our preschool through 5th grade classes before our Christian Formation kickoff next Sunday (Sept 15). Classes always have two teachers, so no one has to do all the planning and work themselves. Please contact Elise E. if you are interested in teaching.
- Adult Sunday school begins next week with our **guest speaker** Awad Sifri. He is a Christian Nakba survivor. Come hear his story and firsthand experiences!