

when I heard a seal say,
ONE: "A hundred thousand mammals are caught each year in plastic rings."
ALL: I let a helium balloon go at a celebration and watched it float away when I heard a turtle say,
ONE: "When animals eat broken or deflated balloons that fall to the ground, they suffer from blockages that eventually starve them."
ALL: I was in a hurry and did not see a recycling box for aluminum cans when I heard the land say,
ONE: "Aluminum cans can be recycled again and again instead of lying in a landfill."
ALL: I was brushing my teeth and letting the water run when I heard the water say,
ONE: "Just by turning off the water while you brush your teeth, you can save enough water to fill a swimming pool each year."
ALL: I did not bring a mug to work, so I reached for a plastic foam cup when I heard the earth say,
ONE: "Enough foam cups are used every year to circle me 436 times."
ALL: I read a newspaper and threw it in the wastebasket when I heard a tree say,
ONE: "Five hundred thousand trees could be saved each day if everyone would recycle the forty-five million newspapers read each day."
ALL: I saw a beautiful piece of ivory jewelry and wanted to buy it when I heard an African elephant say,
ONE: "Half of all my brothers and sisters have been killed in the last ten years for the ivory in our tusks. Every week, nearly twenty types of plants and animals become extinct."
ALL: I reached to buy orange juice in a plastic bottle when I heard the earth say,
ONE: "Every hour, Americans use 2.5 million plastic bottles and most of them are thrown away."
ALL: I was changing my oil and allowing the old oil to spill onto the ground when I heard the groundwater say,
ONE: "A quart of motor oil that seeps into the ground can pollute 250,000 gallons of drinking water."
ALL: I was cold and turned up the thermostat when I heard the fossil fuels say,
ONE: "Five hundred thousand barrels of oil would be saved every day, if everyone would turn down the thermostat six

degrees and put on a sweater instead."

ALL: I was looking at some furniture made of mahogany when I heard a rain forest say,

ONE: "In one minute, one hundred acres of rain forests are cut down; that is enough to cover fifty footballs fields. More than half of the world's plants and animals live in rain forests."

**ALL: Forgive us God, when we have failed to hear the pain of your creation around us.
Forgive us God, when we have used the earth's resources wastefully.
Help us to seek justice for your creation. Amen.**

Working Toward Justice

Rejoicing we go forth

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Poem *Let all creation dance*

* Hymn *My soul cries out*

STS 124

* Benediction

Postlude

**All who are able are invited to stand where indicated.*

Hymnals used in worship: STJ – Sing the Journey (green)

STS – Sing the Story (purple)

Worship Leaders: Angie Newcomer and Rachel Siemens

Readers: Darren Newcomer and Lydia Newcomer

Musicians: Warren Croyle, Ryan Croyle, Matthew Croyle

Welcome to worship this morning. May you encounter the grace of God in the splendor of God's creation. Please stay and join us for lunch. Our youth are raising funds for the Youth Convention in Pittsburgh.

GREETERS Next Sunday: Lowell Nofziger

USHER for JUNE

Bob Moss

To be the church we would like to be, we need to offer \$6,884 this month. We have received \$3,474 so far this month, plus \$145 for *Loaves and Fishes*.

June L&F Road Improvement-We have been billed for road improvements at the cemetery,\$1900.00, what we do not raise thru L&F will come out of the Cemetery Savings

THIS WEEK, June 21-27:

- Monday: 7:00pm Women's Bible Study @ Croyle's
Tuesday: Noon deadline for bulletin announcements and July calendar submissions; please email items to Rachel
Thursday - Saturday: Central District Conference Annual Meeting in Bluffton.
Rachel will be attending the whole meeting, cell # 330-524-9237.
Sunday: 9:30am **Sunday School** for all ages
K-12 Class: *How to be a true friend*
Upper Room: *God's Week Has Seven Days: Monday Musings for Marketplace Christians*
Pathfinders Class: *Articles and discussion*
10:45am **Worship 'Stories of God's People'**
'Elisha and the Shunammite Woman'
3:00pm **Summer Family Day @ Croyle's**

Our mission is to welcome all to know Christ's salvation through worship and works of love, peace and justice in service for God.

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Sunday School 9:30 am

Worship Service 10:45 am

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June 20, 2010

We gather together...

Prelude *Indescribable*

Chris Tomlin

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship Psalm 148

ALL: Praise the Lord.

Leader: Praise the Lord from the heavens,
praise him in the heights above.

Men: *Praise him, all his angels,
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.*

**Women: Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars.**

**People: Praise him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the skies.**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.

* Opening Prayer

Hymn *I owe my Lord a morning song*

STJ 27

To hear God's Word

Scripture Reading Genesis 1

Hymn *For the beauty of the earth*

HWB 89

Wonder Centers

Wonder About Water

Wonder About Sabbath

Hymn *As tranquil streams*

STJ 51

Litany of Confession

**ALL: We celebrate the beauty around us,
the sun, moon and stars,
the land and seas,
the trees and plant life,
the insects, birds and animals.**

ONE: We confess we do not always use the resources on this wondrous planet wisely. Hear our words of confession.

ALL: I was driving my car two blocks to a friend's house when I heard the air say,

ONE: "See all the pollutants that go into the air;
please don't drive when it's not necessary."

ALL: I threw out plastic six-pack rings without snipping them

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