



HAYWARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday, July, 26 ~ 10:00 a.m.

8th Sunday after Pentecost

**Please stand as you are able*

HYMN SING

2129 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

2158 *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

2160 *Into My Heart*

2166 *Christ Beside Me*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 24 & 104**

The earth is the LORD's and everything in it.

From your lofty house, you water the mountains.

The earth is filled full by the fruit of what you've done.

You make grass grow for cattle;

you make plants for human farming in order to get food from the ground. We come today to celebrate these blessings.

***HYMN 2076** *O Blessed Spring*

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

A Hindu Prayer

May the waters flow peacefully; may the herbs and plants grow peacefully; may all the divine powers bring unto us peace. May the rain come down in the proper time, may the earth yield plenty of corn, may the country be free from war. The supreme Lord is peace. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM 707 *Hymn of Promise*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE WORD Genesis 1:9-13; 2:4-9

God said, "Let the waters under the sky come together into one place so that the dry land can appear." And that's what happened. God named the dry land Earth, and he named the gathered waters Seas. God saw how good it was.

God said, "Let the earth grow plant life: plants yielding seeds and fruit trees bearing fruit with seeds inside it, each according to its kind throughout the earth." And that's what happened.

The earth produced plant life: plants yielding seeds, each according to its kind, and trees bearing fruit with seeds inside it, each according to its kind.

God saw how good it was. There was evening and there was morning: the third day.

This is the [second] account of the heavens and the earth when they were created. On the day the LORD God made earth and sky,

before any wild plants appeared on the earth, and before any field crops grew, because the LORD God hadn't yet sent rain on the earth and there was still no human being to farm the fertile land,

the LORD God formed the human from the topsoil of the fertile land and blew life's breath into his nostrils. The human came to life.

The LORD God planted a garden in Eden in the east and put there the human he had formed. In the fertile land, the LORD God grew every beautiful tree with edible fruit,

and also he grew the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Response to Scripture

Liturgist: The words of Holy Scripture. Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

LIVING THE WORD *"The Blessing of Plants and Soil"*

***HYMN 2279 (2x)** *The Trees of the Field*

JOYS & CONCERNS

*Prayers of the People & Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer*

OFFERING

Offertory

*** Song of Praise – 2272** *Holy Ground*

