

New St. James Presbyterian Church, London, Ontario
Sunday, June 11, 2017
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Genesis 1:1-2:3; Matthew 28:16-20
“Celebrating all that God has given us”

NOTE: This sermon is based on three books in the church school resource room: Blue and Green and Purple too - The Story of God's Colourful World; It's a Noisy Place! The Story of the First Creatures; Adam and Eve - The Story of the First Man and Woman. After each section, the church school students were asked to draw something. Their artwork was remarkable!

Red, blue, yellow, green! Don't you love colours? God must love colours too – that's why God made them. What is your favourite colour?

A very long time ago, there were no colours – anywhere. It was dark – very dark!

Into the middle of that darkness came a voice: “Let there be light!” God said. And there it was –bright and beautiful. And very good!

In the middle of all that brightness came God's voice again: “Let there be sky!” And there it was – blue and beautiful. And very good!

God made the water and the land too, and they were wonderful. And very good!

God's world was ready for still more colour – red, yellow, orange, green and purple too. “Let there be grass and trees, fruit and flowers!” said God. God's world filled up with colour. It was very good!

Then God made the sun to light up the day and the moon and the stars to light up the night. And they were very good too!

I wonder what parts of God's colourful world you love to look at. I will give you two minutes to draw a flower or a plant in your favourite colour. *Pause.*

God's world was colourful – and very good! But it was a little quiet. A little empty too! Do you know what was missing?

“Let there be fish and swimming things to fill the water,” said God. And there they were – fish, turtles, frogs and other swimming, splashing creatures. God's world was beginning

to fill up. It was beginning to sound good too.

“Let there be birds and flying things to fill the sky,” God said. And there were birds – red ones, blue ones, big ones, little ones – and all kinds of flying creatures. God’s world sounded even better!

“Let there be creatures to fill up the land,” said God. And once again, there they were – everywhere. The world filled up with animals and their noises. God’s world sounded very good!

Cows mooed, dogs barked, kittens meowed, and little lambs called to their daddies.

Lions roared, bears growled, monkeys screeched, and baby mice squeaked to their mommies.

God’s world became a beautiful, busy – and noisy – place. It looked very good. It sounded good too.

I wonder which of God’s creatures is your favourite. I will give you two minutes to draw your favourite animal or bird or fish. *Pause.*

God’s world was colourful and noisy. It was wonderful! But there was still something missing.

God looked all around at the trees and flowers, at the fish and the birds and the animals. “Let’s make people!” God said.

And that’s just what happened. God made people!

The people loved the world God gave them. All kinds of food to eat, all kinds of creatures to care for – it was wonderful! The people were very happy together, with other people to talk to and other people to make friends with.

Everything in God’s world was very good. God was very happy with the trees and flowers, the fish, the birds, the animals – and especially the people. There was nothing missing. God was finished making the world. It was time for God to rest.

I wonder if you know God made you too. I will give you two minutes to draw either your favourite people that you know, or the person in all the world you would most like to meet.