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The Beauty and Mystery of God's Creation

"The heavens declare the glory of God" Psalm 19: 1a

Hello everyone,

Another Facebook post that I am planning to make, states that:

"Worship is not just a human act; it is the state of the universe".

That statement is in part a reflection on Psalm 19: 1-4a.

*The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims (God's) handiwork.
Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.*

I'm sure that many of us have looked up into a starry night sky and repeated a version of these words. It is hard to fathom the immensity of space and the delicate balance of the solar system that gives us our seasons, tides and habitable climate, to name just a few.

The more we learn about the universe, the more of a mystery it becomes. In fact, scientists tell us that all we are able to observe is actually less than the "dark matter" of the universe which we are unable to perceive.

Closer to home, in our backyard I have often marveled at the woodpeckers who can hammer their beaks into solid wood all day without giving themselves a concussion, or the hummingbirds who can hover in place over a flower before streaking by one's head like a tiny helicopter. I marvel at the diversity and complexity of life on this planet; words like natural selection and evolution seem inadequate to explain it all. It is even a mystery how life first began on this planet we call Earth.

Hopefully this time of isolation has given us more time to appreciate the beauty and mystery of God's creation. As the natural world awakes from its slumber, may our spirits awaken with gratitude for all the God's creation has provided to us.

Grace to you, and peace,

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We welcome and include **everyone** into congregational life."*