

This Is My Father's World
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This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears,
All nature sings and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and tress, of skies and seas,
His hand the wonders wrought.
This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise.
The morning light, the lily white
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair;
In rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks everywhere.
This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world, the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heaven be one!

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SALEM EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH, HELLERS

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Welcome



Salem Hellers

Lancaster, Pennsylvania—Founded 1725

Praise is the Pathway to Purpose
Psalm 138

October 12, 2025



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“And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, “Amen. Hallelujah!” And from the throne came a voice saying, “Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great.”
Revelation 19:4-6

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

We Gather to Glorify God

Prelude

***Call to Worship** *Doxology (#440)*

Silent Prayer (preparing our hearts for worship)

Opening Prayer

***Hymn of Praise** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (#1)*

Missions Moment Operation Christmas Child

***Prayer of Consecration** “God Honored” from *The Valley of Vision*

Leader: O GOD, Praise waits for you, and to render it is my noblest exercise;

People: This is your due from all your creatures, for all your works display your attributes and fulfill your designs;

Leader: The sea, dry land, winter cold, summer heat, morning light, evening shade are full of you, and you give me them richly to enjoy.

People: You are King of kings and Lord of lords; At your pleasure empires rise and fall; All your works praise you and your saints bless you; Let me be numbered with your holy ones, resemble them in character and condition, sit with them at Jesus’ feet.

Leader: May my religion be always firmly rooted in your Word, my understanding divinely informed, my affections holy and heavenly, my motives simple and pure, and my heart never wrong with you.

People: Deliver me from the natural darkness of my own mind, from the corruptions of my heart, from the temptations to

*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

which I am exposed, from the daily snares that attend me.

Leader: I am in constant danger while I am in this life; Let your watchful eye ever be upon me for my defense.

People: Save me from the power of my worldly and spiritual enemies and from all painful evils to which I have exposed myself.

Leader: Until the day of life dawns above let there be unrestrained fellowship with Jesus; Until fruition comes, may I enjoy the promise of my inheritance and the first fruits of the Spirit;

All: Until I finish my course with joy may I pursue it with diligence, in every part display the resources of the Christian, and adorn the doctrine of you, my God, in all things.

Anthem *This Is My Father’s World* - Sanctuary Choir

We Gather to Grow in the Spirit

Scripture Reading Romans 15:1-13

***Hymn of the Month** *Eternal God, I Seek You Now*
(please see insert in pew rack)

Pastoral Prayer

The Message Praise is the Pathway to Purpose
Psalm 138 - Micah Freer

We Go Into the World with the Gospel of Jesus Christ

***Hymn of Response** *When Morning Guilds the Skies (#96)*

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Worship Leader—Bill McLain

Director of Music—Carolyn McLain | Organist—David Andrews

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Sunday School 11:15 AM—All Welcome!

Upstairs	Age 3—7	Living Together
Upstairs	Age 8—12	Worshiping God
Upstairs	Age 13—18	Digging Deeper (Westminster Catechism)
Berean Room	Adults	<i>The Basics of the Christian Life</i>