

**“The Word of God in Creation”**

**Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4, 10**

***“When I look to your heavens, the work of your fingers,***

***The moon and the stars that you have established...”***

**How would you complete that phrase?**

**As I have asked around this week I have been surprised at how many different ways people see the Word of God in creation.**

**In the beauty of a Maine sea coast with water and sky;**

**The beauty and intricacy of the Amazon rainforest**

**With the balance of plants and animals;**

**The beauty and majesty of the Big Sky with the clouds**

**And the vastness and the storms that approach;**

**Or the changing of the seasons with the beauty of**

**The reds and greens and golds all around us.**

**As I ask people, they all attribute this beauty in nature to God**

**And God hands and God’s fingerprints and God’s design.**

**We do see God’s hand in creation in nature.**

**We hear God word in creation.**

***“In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God. All things were made through him and without him was not anything made that was made.”***

**Sometimes we like to split God apart and imagine the Creator God**

**Who was the author of all creation gave way to the Redeemer**

**God in Jesus Christ who redeemed creation and finally**

**God the Sustainer, the Holy Spirit, God who is at work**

**Within, around and through us, but that’s not**

**The Biblical story.**

***“In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was formless and void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said...”***

**Do you notice the Triune God in Creation? God the Father creating**

**Through the Spirit, breathe, *Ruah* by the Word- God said.**

**In case you missed it Hebrews reminds us:**

***“Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various way by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.”***

**So before a Word of God was ever spoken by the prophets,**

**Before Moses or Gospel writers or anyone else wrote anything down**

**Before Jesus was incarnate of Mary and laid in the manger,  
God's Word was before us in creation...and we miss it,  
Because we are too busy or too analytical or too ...  
I once served a church in Kansas and part of the tradition there  
Was that the pastor would go on a back packing trip  
Over the mountains in Colorado with the youth.  
Apparently the previous pastor loved to go back packing.  
Even though I am not a backpacking enthusiast, I went  
And fully expected to experience the grandeur of God  
In these incredible mountains and skies and waters.  
And they were pretty fabulous but you know where I really saw God?  
I experienced God in the young people who were hiking.  
In their team work, their dependence on God and each other,  
In their stamina and strength and compassion for each other,  
I saw the face of God and experienced the Word of God.  
I don't think we could have made the trip alone.  
I know I needed each of them to survive.  
So together we were the Body of Christ.  
I think I discovered what the Psalmist was writing about in Psalm 8  
*"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,***

*Mortals that you care for them. Yet you have made them*

*A little lower than God and crowned them*

*With honor and glory...”*

**So it turns out that we don't have to go into the wilderness**

**To see the Word of God in creation.**

**We just need to witness a baby's birth or share in the sacred moment with a loved one of moving from this life to life eternal.**

**We just need to look around this sanctuary to see the face of God,**

**To hear the Word of God, to feel the presence of God**

**In the Body of Christ gathered here to worship God.**

**As we share communion today, I want you to imagine that**

**We are on a adventure through God's creation. We are hungry...**

**For meaning, purpose, something real, something that matters,**

**And God will meet us in this meal and feed us with his word,**

**So that when we leave this place we will be renewed**

**With all of creation to be the Body of Christ,**

**To share God's Word and know we are loved.**