



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 08.23.26

Fountain of grace, we stand in awe of the beauty of your creation that surrounds us. Open your ears to hear our prayers of praise and lament, of gratitude and need.

Creator God, who has painted every sunset and sculpted every mountain, bless the hands that created the art for our celebration today that they may continue to spread beauty throughout our community. Spark inspiration in the hearts of all your children that we may worship and glorify you through our acts of creation. Open our eyes to see glimmers of your love in the creations lovingly crafted by human hands and minds. Move our hands to join in your creative work of restoration.

Maker of heaven and earth, who watches over every one of his children without ceasing, cast your protection and provision over the many in our church family navigating difficult seasons of chronic pain, illness, mental health struggles, financial hardship, and family conflict. Walk beside those struggling, that they may be comforted in your presence and care, knowing that they can cast their cares upon you.

Merciful Father, who joins with us in our weeping and lamentations, hold fast to those who are grieving. Fold your loving arms around those mourning the loss of those dearly loved, that they may find solace in you. Revive hope in the hearts of those grieving lost and unfulfilled dreams, that they may walk with you through their sorrow and step out in faith upon the path you have set before them. Draw near to those in the Warm Springs reservation and in Colombia dealing with the destruction of natural disasters; pour provision and restoration over them, bringing them glimpses of your already and not-yet kingdom amidst the rubble.

Jesus Christ, turn our hearts toward you, the author and perfecter of our faith, and lead us to join with the rest of creation in the ancient song declaring your glory.

Amen.