

Focus Statement: Study-repeatedly paying attention to, interpreting, and learning from something—is both a task and an opportunity God offers us. As we practice studying God’s work, whether in Scripture or creation, we open ourselves anew to truths about God and one another.

Encountering

Prelude

Song *My soul proclaims with wonder* HWB 181

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: We sometimes fear the emptiness and the silence.
We long for God to become known to us as we
know one another and as we know the earth
beneath our feet.

**All: We know God that you are greater far than these.
Give us a sense to hear you in the silence.
We know that your thoughts are not our
thoughts and your ways are not our ways.
Help us to know your love and your majesty
in ways that we do not yet understand.**

Leader: Give us sight that we may see the world through
your eyes. We want to see the world as it is and
not only as we wish it to be.

**All: Where we find sorrow and loneliness let us
bring love.**

Engaging

Singing *New earth, heavens new* HWB 299
Earth is the Lord's (We are God's own)
Make me a channel of your peace STJ 56

Offering and Offertory

OT Reading Psalm 19:1-4

Song *O breathe on me, O breath of God* STJ 46

NT Reading Luke 4:16-27
Philippians 4:8-9

Children's Time

Message "Think About These Things"

Empowering

Song *I want to walk as a child of the light* STJ 95

Response

Have you really approached a study with an open mind,
realizing that you do not yet understand?

Have you believed that you already understood and expected
the study to reveal that?

Congregational Prayer

Closing Song

Benediction

Go with renewed understanding that you are chosen by God.
You have been touched by your Creator to be a channel of
peace. Go in that peace.

Psalm 19:1-4

*The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.
They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.
Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.
In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.*

Worship Leader	Rob Ganger
Music Leader	Merle Hostetler
Prelude/Offertory	
Scripture Reader	Sophia Sherrill
Children's Time	Nina Fox
Message	Naomi Yoder

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How Can Habits Be Hospitality?:
Personal Shared Spiritual Practices

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