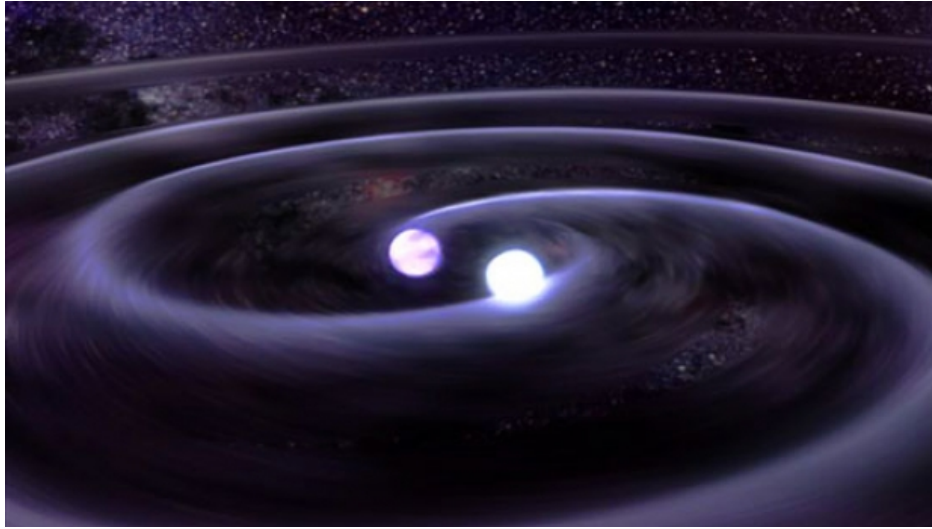


***'It's All A Question Of Story'
What Time Is It For Us In the Universe Story?***



Prelude: Body and Soul

Gathering Music: God Comes to Us as One Unknown



1. God comes to us as one un - known a
 2. God comes when souls in sil - ence lie and
 3. God comes to us in sound of seas, the
 4. God comes in truth when faith is grown; be -



breath un - seen un - heard; as though with - in a
 thoughts of day de - part, half - seen u - pon the
 o - cean's fume and foam; yet small and still u -
 lieved, o - beyed, a - dored: the Christ in all the



heart of stone or shriv - eled seed in dark - ness sown, a
 in - ward eye a fall - ing star a - cross the sky of
 pon the breeze, a wind that stirs the tops of trees, a
 scrip - tures shown, as yet un - seen but not un - known, our



pulse of be - ing stirred a pulse of be - ing stirred.
 night with - in the heart, of night with - in the heart.
 voice to call us home, a voice to all us home.
 Sav - ior, and our Lord, our Sav - ior and our Lord.

A Word From Thomas Berry: "The New Story" from *Dream of the Earth*

Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King



1. All crea - tures of the Earth and sky, praise your Cre - a - tor let us cry:
2. Thou ru - shing wind that art - so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n a - long:
3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter pure and clear, make mu - sic for our God to hear:
4. Dear mo - ther Earth who day by day, un - fold - est bless - ings on our way:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright bur ning sun with gol den beams, pale sil - ver
Thou ris - ing morn in praise re - joice, ye lights of
Thou fire so spi - ri - ted and bright, that gives to
For fruits and flowers that in thee grow, let us our



moon that gent - ly gleams. A - le - lu - ia, a - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
eve - ning find a voice.
us both warmth and light.
grat - ti - tude now show.



al - le - lu - ia!

Mud Creature Time

Reading: Genesis 2, and *The Creation* by James Weldon Johnson

Reflection: The Rev. Thomas Troeger

Time of Forgotten Identity

Reading: Genesis 9: 8-17

One: We have forgotten who we are.

All: We have forgotten who we are.

One: We have alienated ourselves from the unfolding of the cosmos; we have become estranged from the movement of the earth; we have turned our backs on the cycles of life.

All: We have forgotten who we are.

One: We have sought our own security;

We have exploited simply for our own ends;

We have distorted our knowledge;

We have abused our power.

All: We have forgotten who we are

One: Now the land is barren, the waters poisoned, the air polluted.

All: We have forgotten who we are.

One: Now the forests are dying, the creatures disappearing, and humans are despairing.

All: We have forgotten who we are.

We ask forgiveness. We ask for the gift of remembering.

We ask for the strength to change.

Reflection: The Rev. Thomas Troeger

A♭Maj Fm D♭Maj9 /C B♭m Cm Fm7 Fm7/E♭

Piano

Rest - less is the heart un - til it comes to rest in you. All the

D♭Maj9 Cm7 D♭ B♭m D♭9 A♭9

Pno.

Earth, all the Earth shall re - mem - ber and re - turn to our God.

Time of Tragic Consequences

Reading: Elephants Mourning Death
Reflection: The Rev. Thomas Troeger
Jazz Meditation: Kyrie Eleison



Deep Time

Reading: Revelation 22: 1-5

One: Let us pray.

All: We who have lost our sense and our senses – our touch, our smell, our vision of who we are; we who frantically force more than is possible into a single day, a single week and single year, without rest for body or spirit, hurting our Earth and injuring ourselves: we call a halt. We want to rest. We need to rest and allow Earth to rest. We need to remember that time is always God’s, not our own. We need to reflect and to rediscover the mystery of the Potter, who created and continues to create, the source that calls all things to communion with the Holy Spirit. We declare a Sabbath, a space of quiet: for seeing the tree of life in its fullness, for being alert to the possibility of the healing of the nations, for recovering the great, timeless truths; for learning how to live again in deep time. Amen.

Reflection: The Rev. Thomas Troeger



1. A - bove the moon earth ris - es, a sun - lit moss - y
 2. The moss - y stone is griev - ing, its tears are bit - ter
 3. O lis - ten to the sigh - ing of wa - ter, sky and
 4. A death if hearts now hard - en, a birth if we re -



stone, a gar - den that God priz - es where life has rich - ly
 rain, the gar - den is un - leav - ing and all its har - vests
 land and hear the Spir - it cry - ing the fu - ture is at
 pent and tend and keep the gar - den as God has al - ways



grown, an em - er - ald se - lect - ed for us to guard with
 wane, the em - er - ald is cloud - ed, its lust - er dims and
 hand: the moss and gar - den thin - ning por - tend a death or
 meant: to sow with - out a - bus - ing the soil where life is



care, an isle in space pro - tect - ed by one thin reef of air.
 fades, the isle of life is shroud - ed in thick and stag - nant haze.
 birth, the end or new be - gin - ning for all that lives on earth.
 grown, to reap with - out our bruise - ing this sun - lit moss - y stone.

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Resurrection Time

Reflection: The Rev. Thomas Troeger

Commission and Blessing

One: God bless us, we who are clay in the potter's hand, we who are but a particle in the vast continuum of time, and at once beloved and known by God from the womb to this moment, and on into eternity. **Amen.**

One: And God bless this soil, the life-giving loam of the Earth, the mud that created A-dam, the dust to which we shall return. **Amen**

Taking the small bowls of soil, bless the hands of the person next to you with these words:

May God bless your hands to love and serve this whole creation.

One: Let us pray,

All: We receive the strength offered by our Creator in this symbol of soil.

One: Let us also receive the vision to see with the eyes of our hearts

All: And, like Christ, the courage to persevere in difficult times.

One: May all those whose lives we touch come to know God's love.

All: May that same love be a hope to us. Let us go forth with blessed hands and renewed hearts, knowing the healing love of God

One: Yes! Go out into the world in peace. Have courage, hold on to what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering. Honor everyone. Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And may the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now, and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song: I've Got Peace Like a River (Verse 2: Joy like a fountain. Verse 3: Love like the ocean)