

## “This is My Father’s World”

**SEPTEMBER 25:** Will be the first Children’s Sunday School Class after the Children’s Sermon dismissal.

*Following worship:*

**World Communion Retreat:** Rejoice in God’s Gift to Us. Children, their Parents, and the Congregation are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall to learn about the Sacrament of Communion. How and why do we celebrate it.

**Interactive activity:** Each child will make and bake a portion of unleavened flat bread while reflecting on scripture: “This do in Remembrance of Me.”

**Next Sunday September 25** we take a crucial step in our journey to find a new pastor. During worship you will be asked to fill out a survey which will help guide the Session and the Pastor Nominating Committee (which is in the process of being formed) as they continue their work. Your input is crucial and valued. If you know you will not be present, please contact the church office for your survey copy.

**October 2 the Gap Male Chorus** will present an evening of Gospel music for us at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**September is Special Offering month for the Trustees.** We are going to need some extra items for the Manse. We may need to purchase a kitchen range. Your support is always a big help to keeping the church properties in good shape. The Trustees thank you!

**September Clothing Drive** Two weeks to go!  
Remember to clean out those closets for clothing donations!

**Jane Witmer** celebrates her birthday **September 26.** For those who wish to send her birthday wishes, her address is:

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Narvon, PA 17555

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 trees, of skies and seas--  
God's hand the wonders wrought.

This is our Father's world:  
O let us not forget  
That though the wrong is great and strong,  
God trusts us with this world,  
To keep it clean and fair—  
All earth and trees, all skies and seas,  
All creatures everywhere.

This is our Father's world:  
God shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass we hear God pass  
God speaks to us everywhere.  
This is our Father's world: why should  
Our hearts be sad?  
The Lord is King, let heaven ring!  
God reigns; let earth be glad!

(Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901 Alternate vs. 2 Mary Babcock Crawford, 1972) – from The Worshiping Church Hymnal.