

"The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the human whom He had formed."  
(Genesis 2:8)

"Then God spoke to Noah, saying, 'Go out of the ark... Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.'... Then the Lord said in His heart, ... 'While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.'" (Genesis 8:15-22)

"And God said: 'This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.'... And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard.  
(Genesis 9:12-20)

"When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, what is humanity that You are mindful of us?... O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth!" (Psalm 8:3-9)

"The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein."  
(Psalm 24:1)

"Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. ... For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; ... For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing before you, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands."  
(Isaiah 55:6-12)

"Look at the birds of the air.... Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow."  
(Matthew 6:26-28)

"Then He said, 'To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth; but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade."  
(Mark 4:30-32)

"And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."  
(Revelation 22:1-2)

"The whole visible universe is therefore nothing else than a theatre that is representative of the Lord's kingdom. And this in turn is a theatre representative of the Lord Himself."  
(Secrets of Heaven 3483)

# "Worshipping the Lord in Nature"

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**Informal Service Pastor:** Solomon Keal

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**Sound Technician -** Derek Austin

**Live-Streaming -** Lucas Mergen

"The most ancient people, who lived before the Flood, saw in every single thing - in mountains, hills, plains, and valleys, in gardens, groves, forests, rivers, and waters, in fields and crops, in trees of every kind, also in living creatures of every kind, and in the heavenly bodies giving light - something that was a representative and a meaningful sign of the Lord's kingdom. ... For them these objects served...as the means for thinking about the celestial and spiritual things that exist in the Lord's kingdom. Indeed so much was this the case with those objects that there was nothing at all in the whole natural world that failed to serve those people as means."  
(Secrets of Heaven 2722.5)

"In the world, the process of being regenerated is represented by various things. For example, by the flowering of all things on earth in springtime and the ensuing stages of growth to the point of bearing fruit. Likewise, by the stages of development that every type of tree, bush, and flower goes through from the first to the last warm month. The process of being regenerated is also represented by the development of fruits of all kinds from initial stem to ripe fruit. It is represented by the morning and evening rains and the falling dew that cause flowers to open, as they also close themselves to the darkness of night. It is represented by the fragrances of gardens and fields; and by the rainbow in the cloud (Get 9:14-17). It is also represented by the radiant colors of sunrise. The process of being regenerated is also represented in a general way by the constant renewal of all things in the body.... Blood is constantly being purified of worn-out elements and renewed and in a sense regenerated. If we look even to the lowliest creatures on earth, we see an image of the process of regeneration in the miraculous transformation of silkworms, and of many other grubs and caterpillars into nymphs and butterflies, and of other creatures that in time are embellished with wings. To these we might add a lighter example: the desire of some songbirds to splash in the water in order to wash and cleanse themselves before returning to their singing. In brief, the whole world on every level of existence is full of symbols and emblems of regeneration."  
(True Christianity 687)