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## What A Wonderful World

*Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen. (Psalm 72:19)*

I've always thought that the month of September was an extra special gift from God. For it is during this thirty-day span of time that we, in the Upper Midwest, are treated to a number of spectacular displays of God's magnificent, creative glory.

It's during this time of the year, that when I drive anywhere, I make a special effort to soak in as many different scenic venues as I can. On my route from my home to the churches in Staples and Cushing, I move through rich farmland where ripening corn and soybeans are readying for harvest, through the multi-colored rolling landscape found around the various lakes in our region, through some of the most beautiful deciduous forests with their displays of deep rich reds and a variety of yellows, and through stands of the majestic Red and White Pines found in the Staples, Cushing, and Baxter area. It seems that every mile provides scenery that is breath-taking, and made even more so because of this glorious month.

But soon after this September has left us, the temperatures start to plummet and the winter winds of late October and November begin to blow. It's then that I'll be reminded that no two snowflakes are ever the same as they pile one on top of the other to create a rolling endless landscape of pristine white drifts. After the winter months, the miracle of spring will take hold of our plea to visit. When that happens, the seemingly hopelessly dead bursts into life with buds and blossoms that will grace the landscape of the Upper Midwest with a multiplicity of greens.

Wherever we look in the world around us, we see evidence that "God's glory fills the whole earth"! What a gift God has given us. And what responsibility we have been given, to ensure that ours and the generations to come can experience this wonderful world.

It is a responsibility that we need to live and work at each day; a responsibility that we continually need to hone and refine as we are fed new information and ways to care for God's creation. For God has given us the responsibility to help maintain this place that we call earth. God has given us the charge to use our hands to share God's goodness—God's Work, our hands.

I love September, for it seems that this month is a glorious reminder that God has seen fit to grace our fallen landscape with His loving brushstrokes of His creative hand. Let's make sure that we take in these glorious 30 days and continue to give thanks to God in word *and deed* for all of the many gifts He has given.

In Christ,  
Pastor Carl

## September 2022

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