

Is God Up There?

This year in our monthly articles we are considering favorite verses from the Bible.

This month's favorite Bible verse is: **Genesis 1:1**

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

"God, if you are up there, please show yourself to me." Have you ever said that to God? Wouldn't it be great if God just came down and showed himself to us?

God does show himself. In the first line of the Bible, God reveals himself to us. He tells us that he made all things. He made the huge galaxies of the universe. He made the tiniest atoms. He made you and me. His creation demonstrates his power, creativity, wisdom, and tender concern for us.

Take time to notice and to marvel at all God made—the colors of the sky, the light of the sun and stars, the mosaic of leaves outside your window, the beauty of the landscape within your view. Consider how God made you. Think of how your body works—your eyes and ears, your arms, legs, fingers and toes, your brain.

However, God did not make the world and then stand back as a disinterested observer far removed from it all. He is watching over it all. He continues to care for us by providing for all our needs.

Sadly, we often don't thank him for what he has done for us. We forget him. For that, God has every right to turn his back on us. Amazingly, he still cares for us. More than that, he came down to us and saved us from our wayward ways. He came down in

love in the person of his Son, Jesus, and rescued us. Jesus lived the perfect life of thanks that we should live. On the cross, he died the death we should die for our sins. He promises a new and perfect world where all who believe in him will live forever in perfect joy.

Is God up there? Yes, he is! And, thankfully, he was willing to come down here to save us so that, one day, we will see him face to face.

Update for Sunday, May 31st, 2020

Siloah Lutheran Church will have a "soft" opening. What does this mean? Church pews have been roped off allowing for limited seating capacity.

To this end, those who are feeling unwell, or have underlying health conditions are asked to remain home and view the worship service on <u>Facebook</u>, or <u>YouTube</u>.

For those who plan to attend in person, there will be no Coffee Fellowship, handshakes, or hugs. Siloah is planning for a "contact-less" service.

If you have a face mask or gloves, feel free to wear those to the service. Church doors will open Sunday at 9:15am and will be closed at 9:45am. Anyone arriving after 9:45am will be redirected to Hoffmann Hall, so that the livestream is not interrupted.