

*St. Paul's welcomed Chris Driesbach this past Sunday, so we did not have a traditional sermon. Pastor Adams gave this message:

Several weeks ago, Nancy and I flew out to California to visit with our son and his wife. As we were flying back here, there was a stretch that we were above the clouds. You couldn't see the ground. The further East that we flew, the faster the sun began to set. The clouds began to turn a golden color as the sun went further down on the horizon behind us. Watching a sunset from 40,000 feet in the air, with the clouds below is a gorgeous sight.

I wonder what this world looked like before sin had entered. If Adam and Eve could have looked down upon the earth, I wonder what they might have seen. It's hard to imagine what this world must have looked like. This creation that God made was carefully and meticulously planned. He put this world together perfectly. After he finished creating the things of this world, he placed his highest creation into it. All of this was simply done with God's word. All God needed to do was say the word.

God gives life to your body, the breath that fills your lungs, the electricity that fires your brain all comes from the Father, Son, and Spirit who made you. All of this creation was perfect. Then it happened. Adam and Eve did a face-plant before God. They threw away any hope of remaining in a perfect relationship with the God that made them. Adam and Eve should have spent an eternity in hell for this mess. But God didn't want that. So, he planned to rescue his creation again. And so, he planned to save to save mankind by sending his Son to save sinners.

So, this morning, in our service we take a bird's eye view of this creation of God. As we take a bird's-eye view of creation, we also take a look at God's whole plan to save mankind. We see how remarkable it is for God to save me!