

## When All Things Were New, God Spoke

### Scripture Reading — John 1:1-14

*In the beginning was the Word . . . — John 1:1*

It's fun to imagine what the world must have been like in the beginning. Perhaps we picture expanses of unspoiled wilderness like those in national parks today. Tourists marvel from the windows of a bus or car, while wildlife are seemingly oblivious to the human presence around them.

Or we may reflect on the wonder of new human life. When all is safe and well, little children run and play and imagine and learn as if there's not a care in the world. Maybe the creation was something like that when it was new. There was nothing fearful to spoil the joyful play of God's creatures.

But the Bible also tells us the reason for the delight and joy that seem built into creation, when we see it at its best: "In the beginning was the Word." Creation did not spring into -being on its own. In the beginning, God was there. In the beginning, God was speaking to his creatures, sharing with them the joy of full life.

God still speaks today. People who know Jesus, the Word, not only see creation's beauty but also hear the Creator speaking with grace and truth. God wants his creatures to live with him. He wants us to enjoy the unspoiled beauty of his presence.

Can you hear that Word?

### Prayer

*Word of God, speak to us. Thank you for being there in the beginning, and thank you for speaking still today. Help us to hear your voice of grace and truth. Amen.jo*

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