

Prayers for Writing Iyyunim  
Confirmation Service (Shavuot Afternoon)  
Woodlands Community Temple

### YOTZER OR

*The Yotzer Or is a prayer of thanks. It expresses gratitude to the Power in the Universe that is responsible for creating the universe, for creating this planet, its endless gifts and possibilities.*

### YOTZER OR (WITH E.E. CUMMINGS)

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, יוֹצֵר אוֹר  
וּבוֹרֵא חֶשֶׁךְ, עֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם וּבוֹרֵא אֶת הַכֹּל.

*Ba-rukh a-ta Adonai, E-lo-hei-nu me-lekh ha-o-lahm, yo-tzeir or u-vo-rei kho-shekh, o-seh sha-lom u-vo-rei et ha-kol.*

i thank You God for this most amazing day:  
for the leaping greenly spirits of trees  
and a blue true dream of sky;  
and for everything which is natural  
which is infinite which is yes

הַמְּאִיר לָאָרֶץ וְלַדָּרִים עָלֶיהָ בְּרַחֲמִים, וּבְטוֹבוֹ  
מְחַדֵּשׁ בְּכָל יוֹם תָּמִיד מַעֲשֵׂה בְּרָאשִׁית.

*Ha-mei-ir la-a-retz ve-la-da-rim a-le-ha be-ra-kha-mim, oov-tu-vo me-kha-deish be-khol yom ta-mid ma-a-sei ve-rei-sheet.*

(i who have died am alive again today,  
and this is the sun's birthday;  
this is the birthday of life and love and wings;  
and of the gay great happening illimitably earth)

מָה רַבּוֹ מַעֲשֵׂיךָ יְיָ! כָּלֵם בְּחֻכְמָה עֲשִׂיתָ, מְלָאָה  
הָאָרֶץ קִנְיָנְךָ.

*Ma ra-bu ma-a-se-kha Adonai! Ku-lam be-khokh-ma a-see-ta, mal-ah ha-a-retz kin-ya-ne-kha.*

how should tasting touching hearing seeing  
breathing any — lifted from the no  
of all nothing — human merely being  
doubt unimaginable You?

תְּתַבְּרֶךְ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ עַל שֶׁבַח מַעֲשֵׂה יְדֶיךָ. וְעַל

מְאִירֵי אֹר שְׁעֵי יְפֶאֱרוֹךְ סֵלָה.

*Tit-ba-rakh, Adonai E-lo-hei-nu, al she-vakh ma-a-seh ya-de-kha, ve-al me-o-rei or she-a-si-ta:  
ye-fa-a-ru-kha. Se-la.*

(now the ears of my ears awake and  
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ יוֹצֵר הַמְּאֻרוֹת.

*Ba-rukh a-ta Adonai, yo-tzeir ha-me-o-rot.*