

All Are Welcome in God's House

April 21, 2024

10:30 am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

(Persons nearest the aisles are asked to sign and pass the Act of Friendship pad toward the middle of the pew. Please keep the cover open as the pad is returned toward the aisles.)

Prelude

Let There Be Peace on Earth
Celebration Singers

Call to Worship

— based on Psalm 8

O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

When I look at your heavens, the moon and the stars,
what are human beings that you are mindful of them?

**You crowned them with glory and honor,
and gave them dominion over the works of your hands;**

All sheep, oxen and beasts of the field, the birds of the air and the fish of the sea.

O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

Come, let us worship the Lord.

*Hymn 370

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

**forgive us for the ways in which we contribute to the disfigurement and destruction of
your creation.**

Transform us to be aware of the ways we live that pollute your world.

Energize us to make caring and loving for creatures and creation an act of faithful service.

May we have the mind of Christ as we live each day in faith and worship.

Hear us, as we silently confess our sin...

(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Those who are able, please stand
Bolded text invites the congregation to respond

Congregational Response



Time with the Children

(After the message, children ages four through sixth grade may leave for Children's Worship Time. Parents may pick up their children in rooms 207 and 203, across the bridge following worship.)

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 1:26-31
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 1

(Ushers will collect prayer request cards during the anthem.)

Anthem

Song of Creation
Chancel Choir

Howard Helvey

*Let the earth glorify the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him forever.
Glorify the Lord, O Mountains and hills, and all that grows upon the earth,
praise him and highly exalt him forever.*

*Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas and streams,
O whales and all that move in the waters.
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him forever.*

*Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, and all you flocks and herds,
O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him forever.*

New Testament Lesson: Colossians 1:15-20
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 200

Sermon

“Two Pockets”

Rev. Pauline Sexton

*Affirmation of Faith

from “A Brief Statement of Faith”

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

*Hymn 23

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

PLEADING SAVIOR

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering of Our Gifts and Lives

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Offertory

For the Beauty of the Earth
Gina Ricci, Logan Laudenslager, and Eve Sheldon

arr. John Rutter

*Congregational Response 609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 37

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

*Benediction

*Postlude

Praise to the Lord

arr. H Grabner

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Assisting: Rev. Becca Bateman **Lay Leader:** Galen Hays

Today's **Prayer of Confession** comes from the *PC(USA) Resources for Earth Day 2013*.

The **native flowers** were donated by the DPC Earth Care Team in honor of Earth Day.

In the spirit of worship, we remind you:

- To please silence your cellphones.
- If you need to enter or exit the sanctuary during the worship service, please do so by way of the rear of the sanctuary and side aisles.
- Children are welcomed in worship. However, if your child becomes uncomfortable, feel free to use the nursery for children aged 9 months to 4.5 (just across the bridge), or the Pray-Ground (a space to watch worship while kids participate in quiet activity) in the Celtic Cross Room, located below the sanctuary. Ushers are here to assist you.

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