



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

CREATION CARE SUNDAY

April 21, 2024

10:30am

GATHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reuben Chrestman

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

the world and those who live in it.

God has founded it on the seas,

and established it on the rivers.

*HYMNS OF PRAISE

All Creatures of Our God and King, *verses 1-3 only*

No. 15

*GATHERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life, you created us in your image to care for one another and for all creation. Forgive us for turning away from you, ignoring the needs of our neighbors and the cries of the earth. As the sun brings light and warmth to this earth, make us signs of your grace, through the risen Christ, our light and life, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE TO PARDON

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks *verse 4*

No. 240

Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.

Alleluia, Alleluia Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

*You are invited to stand.

Please join in saying/singing aloud the responses **printed in bold**.

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***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SONG OF PREPARATION God of Great and God of Small *verses 1 and 2 only* No. 19

During the song of preparation, children are invited to come forward and sit on the front row of chairs, next to the piano.

**God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong,
Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise be to your name!
God of land and sky and sea, God of life and destiny,
God of never ending power, yet beside me every hour,
Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise be to your name!**

PROCLAIM

TIME WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON The Creation James Weldon Johnson
an adaptation of Genesis 1-2; from *God's Trombones*

HYMN OF RESPONSE Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator No. 18

GOSPEL READING Mark 4:30-32 NRSVue

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** In the Bulb There is a Flower No. 250

***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.
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

RESPOND

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*DOXOLOGY

No. 606

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

...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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GO

*NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 22:1-5

CEB

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

*SENDING HYMN

There in God's Garden

No. 226

Verse 1-2 all

Verse 3 - women and children

Verse 4 - men

Verses 5-6 all

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Worship may be over, but our service has just begun—
Immediately following worship all are invited to join the congregations of
Grace Lutheran and St. Luke's United Methodist for a neighborhood trash
pick-up. Meet at Grace Lutheran Church (5800 Canal Blvd) beginning at 11:15.**