



Welcome to Worship

April 21, 2024
9:00 am



Till and Keep by Allison Maus

Gathering Around the Word

* The congregation is invited to rise.

Prelude

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

arr. Dino Kartsonakis

Invitation to Attentiveness

Scott Hoffman

Moment of Mindful Reflection

Introit

“This is the Day”

Anne Krentz Organ

The choir sings the verses, the congregation joins in the refrains.

Refrain

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us re-joice, let us re-joice, let us re-
joice and be glad in it.

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*Call to Worship

Marti Sawyer

Leader: God, you overflow into creation with each moment.

People: Your creation surrounds us with beauty, wildness, and nourishment.

Leader: We embrace the sacred life-sustaining gifts of our beautiful earth garden.

People: It offers us a place of rest and renewal, joy, and laughter when we care for it.

Leader: Expand our imaginations to see more widely what is possible in our actions.

People: Help us to live as members of the whole earth community.

*Hymn No. 15

“All Creatures of Our God and King”
Verse 4, choir only

*Call to Confession

Glen Blume

*Prayer of Confession

God, you have blessed us with a beautiful planet that is the source of our sustenance and has many places to enjoy natural wonders. We confess that although we often try to be good stewards of what you have given us, we often fall short of taking good care of the earth. Forgive us and give us the resolve to do better at protecting the world around us. Help us to reduce our damage to the environment and act in more sustainable ways. Work through us to ensure that future generations also can receive the earth’s bounty and enjoy its beauty. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

Allison Maus

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you—

People: and also with you.

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Inspiration

Nikki Blake

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 65

Anthem

“For the Beauty of the Earth”
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

Children’s Time

Song after Children’s Time

“Child of God”

Folksong

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 2/4 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). The lyrics under the first staff are: "If an-y-bod-y asks you who I am, — who I am, — who I am, if". The second staff has a bass clef and the same key signature. The melody is: G3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), Bb3 (quarter), C4 (quarter), Bb3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (half). The lyrics under the second staff are: "an - y - bod - y asks you who I am, — Tell them I'm a child of God."

Second Scripture Reading

John 10:11-18

Leader: This is the word of the Lord and let all the people say—

People: Thanks be to God .

Sermon

Allison Maus

Responding to the Word

*Hymn

“O God, Within the Psalms”
See insert

*Litany for Creation

Liane Roe

Leader: O Lord our Creator, we thank you for the gift of life and for the wonders of the world around us that reflect your goodness and glory.

People: We praise your name, O God.

Leader: Thank you for revealing our intimate connection with all your creation.

People: We praise your name, O God.

Leader: O Lord our Redeemer, keep reminding us that we are not owners of the earth, but stewards entrusted to cherish it for the good of all.

People: Grant us mercy, O Christ.

Leader: Teach us to act with justice and equity, to share your resources with our vulnerable neighbors and to preserve your gifts for future generations.

People: Grant us mercy, O Christ.

Leader: O Lord our Sustainer, give us wisdom, courage, and perseverance in working together to protect your creation and to continue the stewardship of our earthly home.

People: Strengthen and transform us, O Spirit.

Leader: Work through us to bring healing, hope, and renewal to our broken world.

People: Strengthen and transform us, O Spirit.

Leader: God of grace, share with us your heart for creation, that we may be a blessing to this earth and that you may receive the glory, through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Announcements

Minute for Mission - Explore Service Project

Reed Dressler

Call to Offering

Please place your written reflections in the offering plate.

Offertory

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

arr. By Randy Lackey

*Doxology Hymn No. 609

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Prayer of Dedication

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People 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 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.

*Hymn No. 26

“Earth and All Stars!”

*Charge & Benediction

Postlude

“Sheep May Safely Graze”

J.S. Bach

Ushers this Morning

Head Usher: Katie Stone

Ushers: Sharon Ambrose, Bruce Grinder, Brian Stone, and Becky Thomas

Coffee Hour

Host: Jamey Perry

Assisting: Reed Miller

Greeters this Morning

Fraser Street: Ken and Sharon Manno

Parking Lot: Susan Sanders

Information Desk Laura Robinson

Sanctuary Flowers: The Sanctuary flowers are in memory of David and Lola Gifford given by their family.

Cover Art: “Till and Keep” by Allison Maus is a representation of the genesis creation story in which humans were created to be partners in caring for creation as a part of their identity in God’s image. The bones of these garden dwellers came from and are still a part of the earth from which they were created.



STUDY SPACE Our space is your space with free snacks, WIFI, and hugs (optional) during finals week.

Sunday, April 28: noon-9pm,
April 29 & 30: 9am-9pm,
and May 1: 9am-5pm
in the Fireside Room (Lower Level)

Congrats to our grads!

If you or someone you love is graduating this Spring with a bachelor's or other advanced degree we would love to recognize them and share a gift. Please submit their name, school, degree, and a photo to Pastor Allison **today** so we can celebrate. We will recognize our grads during worship next Sunday.

Plans for children and families for April 28th

All children who go to Children, Worship, and Song will need to be picked up from their parents/guardians at the end of worship on April 28th.

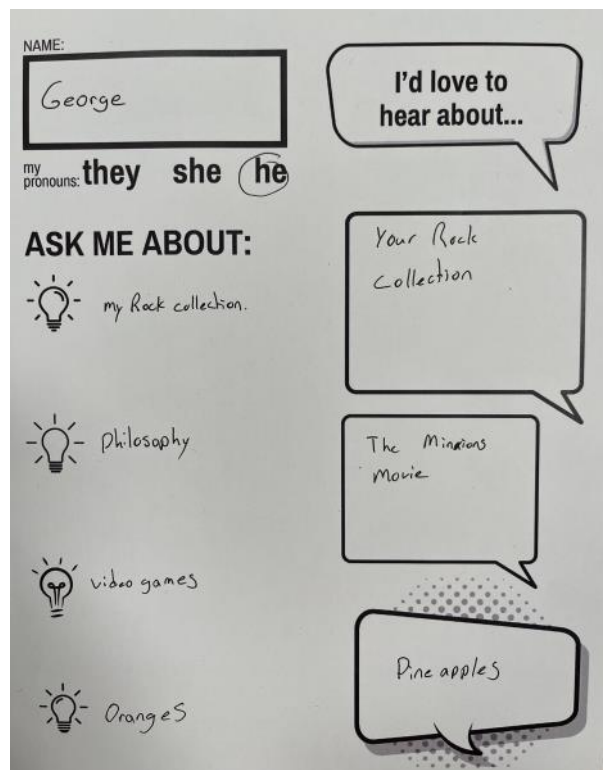
Everyone, of all ages, is invited to go to the Social Hall and join in for refreshments, and Connecting Conversations.

Folks will be invited in small groups to take part in the specific steps of bucket packing in Westminster Hall, and then return to coffee hour for more conversations and snacks. Everyone will get a chance to help with the packing of the disaster buckets!

Our hope is that lots of you with children will attend.

As a reminder, when children are not with any of our volunteer teachers, they must be with their parents at all times.

Explore invites everyone to the Social Hall during coffee hour on **April 28th** for **Connecting Conversations** — a series of small conversations where you and your partners will know what to ask each other, and you'll get to share things you like to talk about. This service project is aimed at tackling the epidemic of loneliness. This time will not only help us connect closer as a congregation but also give us invaluable skills to go into the world and share the love of Christ.



NAME: George

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ASK ME ABOUT:

- my Rock collection.
- Philosophy
- video games
- Oranges

I'd love to hear about...

- Your Rock Collection
- The Minions Movie
- Pine apples

Sunday, April 21st

Creation Care Sunday

- 8:30 am Childcare Available—Rm 102
- **9:00 am Worship Service**
- 9:30 am Children, Worship, & Song—Westminster Hall
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour—Social Hall
- 10:00 am Pathways—Rm 210
- 10:15 am Adult Education—Westminster Hall
- 10:15 am Connect—Rm 10
- 10:15 am Oasis—Fireside Rm
- 10:15 am YoPro Bible Study—Tower Rm
- 11:30 am Session—Martin Rm
- 6:00 pm Watch Party—Fireside Rm

Monday, April 22nd

- 7:00 pm CAYAM—Martin Rm
- 7:00 pm Education Ministry Unit—Zoom
- 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study—Fireside Rm
- 7:00 pm Scout's Pack Meeting—Social Hall
- 7:00 pm Scout Troop Meeting—Westminster Hall
- 7:00 pm Virtual Centering Prayer—Zoom

Tuesday, April 23rd

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Congregational Prayer Meeting—Zoom
- 7:30 pm Handbell Choir

Wednesday, 24th

- 12:00 pm Wednesday in the Word—Zoom/Fireside Rm
- 6:00 pm FISH
- 8:00 pm Women's Bible Study—Martin Rm

Thursday, April 25th

- 6:00 pm Presbyterian Student Fellowship—Fireside Rm
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 26th

Saturday, April 27th

Sunday, April 28th

Storm Bucket Assembly Sunday

Communion Sunday

College-Post Graduate Recognition

- 8:30 am Childcare Available—Rm 102
- **9:00 am Worship Service**
- 9:30 am Children, Worship, & Song—Rm 11
- 10:00 am Explore Connecting Conversations—Social Hall
- 10:00 am Storm Bucket Assembly—Westminster Hall

If you are an online attender we hope you will "sign the pew pad" virtually on Sunday mornings by texting "check in" during the welcome and announcement time so we know you're watching! The phone number is: 833-234-1326. To give via our Online Giving site, scan the QR Code.



Children in Worship

9:00 am Worship - Infant and Toddler Care (through age 3) is available in Room 102 throughout the morning.

Children of all ages are invited to come forward for the children's message. Following this time, children 3 years old through 2nd grade, are welcome to join **Children, Worship & Song** which meets in room 11 on the lower level.

Unless parents make other arrangements, these children will be taken to their Pathways classrooms at the conclusion of worship.

Exploration Hour

PATHWAYS (Age 3 to grade 5) - From 10:00 am to 11:00 am, in room 210 on the upper level. This multi-age class is designed to teach and accommodate all needs/ages. A pre-packaged snack will be served.

THE OASIS (grades 6-12) - From 10:15 am to 11:00 am, in the Fireside Room on the lower level. Oasis is a loving place where youth from grades 6-12 can have fun, feel accepted, and grow.

YoPro Bible Study—From 10:15 am to 11:15 am, in the Tower Room above the Sanctuary. We're a group of grad students and early career folks that are exploring the "what's next" season of life. We do some formal programming, but mostly we're a group of friends laughing, learning, and figuring out faith together.

Adult Education—From 10:15 am to 11:00 am, in Westminster Hall on the lower level. Adult Ed is a rotation of different offerings from our community.

Join the Sustainability Circle this morning at 10:15 am in Westminster Hall as we watch and discuss the documentary "Rachel Carson—Voice of Nature". This documentary describes the life and legacy of marine biologist and nature writer Rachel Carson, a native of Pennsylvania.

Connect—From 10:15 am to 11:00 am, in Room 10 on the lower level. This is an adult offering to deepen your relationship with others and with God by contemplating scripture, lyrics, writing, poetry, and other topics of interest through small group discussions.

