



## Creation Care Sunday

April 23, 2023

9:00 am

### Gathering Around the Word

**Prelude** "New Day Fanfare" Sandra Eithun  
The Handbell Choir and Brass

**Words of Welcome** Deannine Shipman

### Introit

#### Alleluia! Christ Is Risen

Carey Landry

The musical score is written on three staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en as he said." The score includes a copyright notice: "© 2000, Carey Landry. Published by OCP, 5536 NE Hassalo, Portland, OR 97213. All Rights Reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-700990".

**\*Call to Worship**—Adapted from Psalm 21:1 by Austin D. Hill Jean-Pierre Theron  
Leader: The earth is the Lord's  
**People: And all that is in it,**  
Leader: The world,  
**People: And those who live in it;**  
Leader: For God has found it on the seas,  
**People: And established it on the rivers.**  
**All: Creator God, we praise you today for your mighty works, in all of creation, and in each of our lives.**

**\*Hymn No. 20** "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

**\*Call to Confession** Marti Sawyer

**\*Prayer of Confession** Marti Sawyer

There is so much suffering everywhere we become overwhelmed, unable to act. Following you is life giving and yet we fear the sacrifice too much. Instead of stepping out to expose injustice we hide. We fast for clarity and discernment yet often not in the way you intend. Creation groans from our selfish hunger for more no matter the cost to others. Forgive us. We know we cannot provide the living water for others without you. May your mercy, grace and compassion grow in us as we fight the injustices in all that has life.

**\*Assurance of Pardon** Marti Sawyer

**\*Passing of the Peace** Allison Maus

### Hearing the Word

**Prayer for Inspiration** Nikki Blake

**First Scripture Reading** Isaiah 58:4b-12 Nikki Blake

<b>Anthem</b>	“Now Is the Cool of the Day” The Chancel Choir	Jean Ritchie; arr. by Siegfried
<b>Children’s Time</b> See “Children in Worship”		Kimberly-Dawn Falk
<b>Song After Children’s Time</b>	“As Each New Horizon Beckons” [HOLY MANNA]	
<b>Second Scripture Reading</b>	Romans 8:18-25 and Exodus 23:1-12	John Porter
<b>Sermon</b>		John Porter

### Responding to the Word

<b>*Hymn No. 713</b>	“Touch the Earth Lightly”	
<b>*Litany</b>		Glen Blume
Leader: Almighty Creator, You have called us to be stewards of a beautiful earth. We thank You for the forests, the fields of grain, and the clean air that surrounds us.		
<b>People: We thank You for the rain-filled clouds, the trickling streams, the rushing rivers, and the expansive oceans.</b>		
Leader: Sometimes, we overlook our earthly environment and take for granted our place in it.		
<b>People: Each day, help us to recognize the gift that you have given us.</b>		
Leader: Although we try to be good stewards, at times we fall short in caring for the earth.		
<b>People: Help us to realize that there is more that we can do.</b>		
Leader: Our well-intentioned, but sometimes inadequate, actions to care for the earth may be focused too narrowly on sustaining our immediate surroundings.		
<b>People: We often do not think about the far-reaching effects of our actions.</b>		
Leader: What we do at home and in our community impacts all of God’s creation.		
<b>People: Help us to realize that our actions on God’s earth affect the lives of others, often those who live far away from us and have few material resources.</b>		
Leader: Help us to view earth care as a social justice issue, one that requires us to seek equity for all people.		
<b>People: Lord Jesus, we ask for strength to be better stewards of creation, thereby caring for those who live in distant lands.</b>		
<b>All: Give us the resolve to act more responsibly in caring for the planet, so that all on God’s earth can live in a safe, healthful, and sustainable environment.</b>		

<b>Announcements</b> Welcoming New Member		Reed Dressler
<b>Minute for Mission</b>		Liane Roe
<b>Call to Offering</b>		Reed Dressler
<b>Offertory</b>	“All Things Bright and Beautiful”	Marilyn Biery
<b>*Doxology Hymn No. 609</b>	“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”	
<b>*Prayer of Dedication</b>		Nikki Blake
<b>Sharing of Joys and Concerns</b>		Allison Maus
<b>Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer</b>		
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.		
<b>*Hymn No. 346</b>	“For the Healing of the Nations”	
<b>*Charge &amp; Benediction</b>		John Porter & Allison Maus
<b>Postlude</b>	Festival Piece on “Nicaea” The Handbell Choir and Brass	

**Ushers this Morning:**

**Head Usher:** Curt Dell

**Ushers:** Rhett McLaren, Phil Spangler, Brian Stone, and Katie Stone

**Coffee Hour:**

**Host:** Jamey Perry

**Assistant:** Dick Bundy

**Greeters this Morning:**

**Fraser Street:** Maggie Foster

**Parking Lot:** Margaret VanFossan

**Information Desk:** Rob Huffard

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

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**Adult Offering Today**

**April 23: "ClearWater Conservancy – Protecting Local Natural Resources", in Westminster Hall, led by Andrea Murrell**

Learn about the work of ClearWater Conservancy, a land trust working to protect our local Spring Creek watershed since 1980. Its mission is to conserve and restore natural resources in central Pennsylvania through land conservation, water resources stewardship, and environmental outreach. Andrea Murrell, Strategic Communications Coordinator, will share about ClearWater Conservancy and its work in our community, as well as how individuals can get involved.

**"Connect"** will meet today in Room 10.

Connect is an invitation to deepen your relationship with others and with God by contemplating scripture, lyrics, writing, poetry, and other topics of interest through small group discussions.

**Senior Recognition Youth led Service**

May 7th is our Senior Recognition Youth led Service. We hope everyone can join us to celebrate this joyous occasion! If you are a youth member we hope you will be able to participate in the service. If you are a senior we want to be able to publicly recognize your achievement! We invite all of our seniors to reach out to our Youth Director Reed Dressler at youthministriescpc@gmail.com and let him know what you would like to highlight about your accomplishments and future plans!



**Juniper Village Block Party**

Multigenerational afternoon gathering for viewing worship, snacking, visiting, and singing in the common room of bldg #1930.

**Sunday, May 7...** and every other month. Signups open now!



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**Handbell Ringers (from left to right):** Steve Van Hook, Lauren Spadt, Jane Steff, Debbie Anderson, Jennifer Tothoro, Adam Cameron, Kelly Nguyen, Erin Blumsack, Jenny Van Hook, Tonya Smeal, Sharon Manno, Jana Jaffa, Katie Blume.

**Brass players:** Trumpet: Daniel Spearman, Giulia Korzick; Horn: Karen Neff; Trombone: Dick Bundy; Tuba: Jaden Adkins

## Sunday, April 23rd

### **Creation Care Sunday**

- 8:30 am Childcare Available—Room 101
- **9:00 am Worship Service**
- Creative Movement & Music and Children and Worship—After the Children's Message
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour
- 10:00 am Exploration Hour
- 10:15 am Adult Opportunities
- 10:30 am YoPro Bible Study—Tower Room
- 11:15 am Storm Bucket Fill Party—Social Hall
- 1:30 pm Youth Ministry Advisory Committee Meeting—Zoom

## Monday, April 24th

- 6:00 pm Scouts Spaghetti Dinner—Social Hall
- 6:30 pm Education Ministry Unit—Zoom
- 7:00 pm Scouts
- 7:00 pm Hekima Meeting—Martin Room
- 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study—Fireside Room
- 7:00 pm Virtual Centering Prayer—Zoom

## Tuesday, April 25th

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

## Wednesday, April 26th

- 12:00 pm Wednesday in the Word—Fireside Room/Zoom
- 6:00 pm FISH/8th Grade Night
- 6:00 pm Pastor Nominating Committee—Room 10
- 8:15 pm POLO Women's Bible Study—Zoom

## Thursday, April 27th

- 6:00 pm PSF—Fireside Room
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
- 7:00 pm Men's Covenant Group—Martin Room

## Friday, April 28th

## Saturday, April 29th

- 7:00 pm CLSN Drag Bingo

## Sunday, April 30th

### **Communion**

### **College/Post Grad Recognition**

### **Study Space**

- 8:30 am Childcare Available—Room 101
- **9:00 am Worship Service**
- Creative Movement & Music and Children and Worship—After the Children's Message
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour—Social Hall
- 10:00 am Exploration Hour
- 10:15 am Adult Opportunities
- 10:30 am YoPro Bible Study—Tower Room
- 3:00 pm Watch Party—Westminster Hal

## **Children in Worship**

**9:00 am Worship** - Children of all ages are invited to come forward for the children's message. Following this time, children 3 years old by September 1, 2022, through grade 3, are welcome to leave for special programs.

**Creative Movement and Music (Ages 3-K)** meets in Westminster Hall.

**Children and Worship (Grades 1,2, & 3)** meets in Room 11. Unless parents make other arrangements, these children will be taken to their Pathways classrooms at the conclusion of these programs. Infant and Toddler Care (through age 3) are available in Room 101 throughout the morning.

## **Exploration Hour**

**PATHWAYS (Preschool and Elementary)** meet in separate age groups, and begin around 10:00 am 3's,4's, and K meet in Room 103, main level - we provide a light snack to our pre schoolers.

1st- 5th Grade meet upstairs in Room 210

Once a month we will combine all children for a special MUSIC experience with our own Ned Wetherald.

**THE OASIS (grades 6-12)** meet in the Fireside Room at 10:15 am each Sunday, with both Middle School and High School ages together until the group grows too large!

For more information about the church and our programs please visit our website at [scpresby.org](http://scpresby.org)

**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.



## **May 14th EDUCATION Volunteer Recognition Sunday**

We will be recognizing all those who have in some way been a part of our education program for children, youth, and adults during the past "school year" of 2022-2023.

We plan on doing a small recognition during the worship hour, and hope everyone who has been volunteering on Sundays and in our mid-week programs will be in attendance!

Many blessings and thanks to all who share their love of Christ, and knowledge with others!