



Welcome to Worship

Celebrating God's Creation

Sunday, April 24, 2022

10:15 am

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

“Music for a Festival”

Calvin Hampton

Opening Words

Dean Lindsey

Introit

Celtic Alleluia

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*Call to Worship

Glen Blume

Leader: “Shout for joy to the Lord, all the Earth.”

People: We sing praises for the glory of God's creation.

Leader: God, you have given us a glorious garden.

People: We give thanks for your presence across time and space, and through each person and creature.

Leader: Come, Let us worship the one who provides us with life-sustaining plenty.

*Hymn No. 37

“Let All Things Now Living”

Call to Confession

Peggy Lindsey

*Prayer of Confession

We confess O God, that we forget, or fail to recognize, that everything living is born of your love, your dream, your purpose. We forget that we are only one part of your interconnected, interdependent, amazingly diverse creation. We know that what affects one affects all, but we ignore that truth. If the bees die, the plants won't thrive. If the plants don't thrive, the creatures will starve. If the earth continues to warm and the waters continue to rise, species will disappear and people will be displaced. Where will they go? Help us, O God, to remember that we are all in this together, throughout the earth - every person, every creature, every bug, every plant - born of your love and meant to live by your design. Forgive us when we fail, forgive us when we act as if our well-being is all that matters. Save us, we pray, by your grace, and inspire us to act in love for all living things. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Inspiration

Frederick Brown

[Where you see an asterisk (*), please stand if you are able]

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 69:1-3, 13-15, 29-33

Anthem

“Restless Weaver”

John Ferguson

Time for Children

Deannine Shipman

Parents and Guardians, please take note that during the children's message, children may be photographed or video recorded due to our live stream. The video/images may be used without compensation by the church for promotional purposes in digital or print media. If you do not wish for your child to be in the live stream, the front pew/row of chairs are not in the live shot. **(Children will be dismissed for Creative Movement and Music and Children and Worship.)**

Song After Children's Time

“As Each New Horizon Beckons”

As each new horizon beckons, may it challenge them anew, children of creative purpose, helping others love the Lord. May their dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun. Great Creator, give them guidance till their lives and yours are one.

Second Scripture Reading

Genesis 41:46, 53-57

Sermon

“Resilience for what Happens Next”

Dean Lindsey

Responding to the Word***Litany for Creation**

Nikki Blake

Leader: O Lord our Creator, we give you thanks for the gift of life on earth and for the wonders of the world around us.

All: We praise your name, O God.

Leader: We ask you to open our eyes to see your goodness and glory in all that you have made.

All: We praise your name, O God.

Leader: Thank you for revealing to us the ways we are intimately connected with all of your creation.

All: 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 care for it.

All: Grant us mercy, O Christ.

Leader: Help us to see our world not as a resource to exploit, but as a gift to be cherished for the good of all.

All: Grant us mercy, O Christ.

Leader: Teach us to act with justice and equity in sharing your resources with our vulnerable global neighbors and in preserving your gifts for future generations.

All: Grant us mercy, O Christ.

Leader: O Lord our Sustainer, give us wisdom, courage, and perseverance in working together to protect your creation.

All: Strengthen and transform us, O Spirit.

Leader: Challenge our apathy, bring us to repentance for the damage we have done, and grant us the determination to begin anew the stewardship of our earthly home.

All: Strengthen and transform us, O Spirit.

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

All: 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.

Welcome and Announcements

Allison Maus

Minute for Mission—Report on Stream Restoration

Jean-Pierre Theron

Minute for Mission—Offering for Krislund Forest Protection

Cricket Hunter

Call to Offering***Doxology Hymn No. 608**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Dedication

Liane Roe

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table
Joys and Concerns
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Breaking of the Bread
Pouring of the Cup
Sharing the Bread and Cup
Prayer after Communion



***Hymn No. 231**

“Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers”

***Benediction**

***Peace**

Postlude

“Petite Marche”

Gustave Tritant

Ushers this Morning:

Head Usher: Sharon Manno

Ushers: John McQueary, Juli Mortimore, Katie Stone and Marcus Wheeler

Information Desk: Anne Layng

Greeters this Morning:

Parking Lot: Becky Thomas

Fraser Street: Mary Hartzell

Coffee Hour this Morning:

Host: Linda Morrow

Helpers: Reed Miller and Jennifer Creighton

Communion Table Flowers: The sunflowers on the Communion Table are in honor of Ukraine and her people.

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

Love our Krislund Trees!

The destructive Spongy Moths are expected to have a big year this year, and we need to help protect the young forest at Krislund, used by many groups and loved by many individuals in this congregation. The necessary spraying will be coordinated with adjacent landowners to be most effective. The church has committed to \$16,000 of the \$21,000 cost, and donations to help meet that goal are welcome. If you would like to donate to keep the leaves on the trees, simply mark your contribution Krislund-trees, adding an in-honor designation if you would like to honor a tree lover, or someone who loves Krislund.

Parking Vouchers for Today!

Today those who park in the Beaver Avenue parking garage while attending the Sunday worship service can stop by the information desk to pick up a voucher for up to 3 hours of free parking (can only be used Sunday morning in the Beaver Avenue garage). Someone is at the desk for 15 minutes before and after the worship service.

Attention Graduates

We want to acknowledge our graduating students! If you (or someone you want to celebrate) is graduating this Spring please send their name, school, degree and a photo to Allison (allisonscpc@gmail.com) or the office (officescpc@gmail.com) so we can celebrate the hard work our students have put in to cross this momentous finish line! We'll recognize our college and advanced degree students during our May 1st worship service and high school grads during our May 22nd service. Deadlines for each will be the Tuesday prior to the service. Congrats all!

Tree Dedication—May 1st

Last Fall we were able to plant a new Maple tree in the place where a Ginko tree stood on the church lawn for many years. The new tree is going to be dedicated to the memory of Hobie Kistler, son of Mary Jane and Tom Kistler, whose life was lost in a car accident in April of 2021. Hobie was an active and much loved member of the congregation as he grew up among us and as he began his career in the Navy. Next week following worship, the dedication service will be held on the front lawn.

This Week at SCPC

Sunday, April 24—Celebrating God’s Creation

Communion Sunday

- 8:30 am-11:30 am Infant and Toddler Childcare—Room 101
- 8:45 am-10:00 am Coffee Hour—Social Hall
- 9:00 am Adult Ed—Westminster Hall
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- **10:15 am In-Person Worship Service**
- **10:15 am Service Live Steam on YouTube & Available to view**
- Creative Movement and Music and Children and Worship during Service
- 11:30 am YoPro Bible Study—Fireside Room

Monday, April 25

- 7:00 pm Virtual Centering Prayer—Zoom
- 7:00 pm Men’s Bible Study—Fireside Room
- 7:00 pm Scouts—Westminster Hall

Tuesday, April 26

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

Wednesday, April 27

- 12:30 pm Wednesday in the Word— Fireside Room/Zoom
- 4:00 pm FISH Homework Time—Fireside Room
- 6:00 pm FISH
- 7:00 pm Racial Reconciliation—Zoom
- 8:00 pm POLO Women’s Bible Study—Zoom

Thursday, April 28

- 6:00 pm Presbyterian Student Fellowship—Fireside Room
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
- 7:00 pm Men’s Covenant Group—Martin Room

Friday, April 29

Saturday, April 30

Hearing Assist Devices are available on the back table in the Sanctuary



Sunday, May 1

College Graduate Recognition

- 8:30 am-11:30 am—Infant and Toddler Childcare—Room 101
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- 11:15 am Hobie Kistler Tree Dedication
- 11:30 am Deacon Meeting—Social Hall
- 11:30 am YoPro Bible Study—Fireside Room
- 1:00 pm Piano Recital

Especially for Children

Sunday School (9:00 am) - Ages 3, 4, and Kindergarten meets in Room 209. Grades 1st through 4th meets upstairs in Room 210. 5th Grade, Middle School, and High School Students meet in the Fireside Room.

10:15 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, 2021 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 1-3) meets in Room 11.

Parents please pick up your children directly after worship.

Adult Education

Next Sunday, May 1st, Kerby Goff will share from the heroic stories of Gladys Aylward to the narrative exposés of Pearl Buck. The missionary ventures of Western women in eastern lands during the 19th and early 20th centuries have prompted both appreciation and critique. While both argued for women’s essential place in the religious and educational role of foreign missions, Black women also argued for missions as a means of racial solidarity and uplift. Join Kerby next Sunday at 9:00 am in Westminster Hall.