



April 21, 2024
4th Sunday of Easter

"The fertile earth is the best assurance of God's generosity toward humankind."

—Ellen F. Davis

TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

PRELUDE "All Creatures of Our God and King" David H. Hegarty
Organist, Larry Gillum

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist, Bill Solms

God, we put our trust in you.

You listen for our cry for help .

God, you set our feet on solid rock.

You put a new song in our mouths.

God, you are our help and our rescuer.

Let us celebrate and rejoice in you!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 482** "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, you tend to the earth as your vineyard, longing for it to bring fruit. You want our society and our lives to look more and more like the Kingdom of Heaven. We work against your plans, sometimes by what we do, and sometimes by what we leave undone. We abuse the land, take advantage of the weak, and turn a blind eye to the poor. We fight against your purposes, and we need your forgiveness. Pardon us for these and all our sins, as we continue to pray in silence.

Silent Prayer of Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE** "Gloria Patri" (Hymnal #579)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**Please stand if you are able.*

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES	<i>Genesis 7:1-10; 8:1-2; 8:14- 19, NRSV</i>	
CHANCEL BELLS ANTHEM	“For the Beauty of the Earth”	Moklebust Director, Patti Dolezal
A READING FROM THE GOSPEL	<i>John 15:12, NRSV</i>	
CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM	“The New 23rd”	Carmichael Director, Rich Dixon
MESSAGE	<i>“The Value of Life”</i> The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey	
MEDITATION AND *HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 293	“This Is My Father’s World”	TERRA BEATA
OFFERING OUR GIFTS		
OFFERTORY	“There is a Happy Land” (Old Scottish Hymn)	George Shearing
*DOXOLOGY	(Hymnal # 592)	
	<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i>	
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)		
	Loving God, we celebrate these gifts that support your mission to bring peace, love and hope to the whole world. May they help those in need, may they support the weak, and may they strengthen this congregation and their work. We ask this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.	
JOYS AND CONCERNS		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)		
	<i>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.</i>	
LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY		
*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 478	“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”	LAUDA ANIMA
*BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL RESPONSE	<i>(Please remain standing)</i>	
POSTLUDE	“Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator” - <i>Psalms 148</i>	Nyanyikanlah

The Week Ahead

Wednesday, April 24

12:00 pm—Bible Study

4:00 pm—Joyful Bells

Thursday, April 25

4:00 pm—Chancel Bells

6:30 pm—Chancel Choir

Friday, April 26

9:30 am—Merry Marthas

Saturday, April 27

9:00 am—Card-Making Group

10:00 am—Creation Care: “Developing a
Meditation Trail” with Kent Dannen

Sunday, April 28

8:15 am—Adult Bible Study

8:30 am—Journeys (Online and in-person)

10:00 am—Worship (Livestream available)

See the full church calendar on www.pccrusa.org

Announcements

Greeters this morning are Bonnie & Pete Vanderveen.

Fellowship Time—Join us after worship today for coffee and treats hosted by Grace and Grub.

Creation Care—on Saturday, April 27 at 10 am, Kent Dannen will be presenting on “Creating a Meditation Trail.” These talks are open to the community. Please join us and bring a friend.

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