

Service for the Lord's Day

Honoring the Earth

April 19, 2015

As we enter, may we be reminded: *Surely, the Lord is in this place.*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Come, let us dwell in God's shelter. Let us dwell in God's work of art. Amen. .

Gathering

PRELUDE

Sally Hosea

WELCOME

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*INTROIT #4 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" (v. 1)

Franz, 1774

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise to you, O God, source of all waters.

For vast oceans, flowing rivers, and gentle rains we give you thanks. Help us to cleanse, conserve, and share your gifts. Teach us to care for the gift of water.

Praise to you, O God, creator of the dry land.

For mighty mountains, rolling hills, and fertile prairies we give you thanks. Help us to sow, till, and harvest with care. Teach us to live gently on the land.

Praise to you, O God, breath of life and maker of air.

For wind and wave, breath and breeze, light and life we give you thanks. Help us to live justly, simply, and wisely; teach us to care for the gift of air.

Praise to you, O God, Lord and Giver of Life. Your love sustains planet earth and by your hand all living things are fed.

Help us to serve, defend, defend and restore your creation. Help us to worship you with our words and our work. Help us care for your people. Help us care for your earth.

*HYMN # 611 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Dyke, 1907

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our everlasting God has made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures. Yet we have not been appropriately good stewards of God's creation. Therefore, let us confess this to the Eternal God of all. We will pray first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator of the earth and all living things, maker of the sky and the air and the breath of life, God of all that is: we are your servant people, created out of the clay of the earth itself. We forget that we are your creatures and we play at being gods. We neglect the stewardship that you have provided for our occupation and our joy. We have used, abused, and abandoned those things that you have created for our delight. You have created a fragile world in a perfect and delicate balance. Thinking too much of our own importance we have upset that balance. We ask your forgiveness, Righteous and Creative God. We yearn to join with the mountains and valleys, the rocks and the birds and the wild ocean waters in singing your praises. Raise our awareness, raise our capabilities, raise our willingness to serve you and your earth. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*"Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, if anyone is in Christ, there is a **new** creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! In the name of the Christ, we are forgiven.

Grant that, because we are God's own, we may probe the mysteries of the Lord's creation, come to know the Creator more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in the eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI *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.* #579

ANTHEM # 693

*"Though I Speak"
April Hymn of the Month*

Hopson, 1972

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1-13

Bibles, p. 1 / LG. p. 1

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #667

"When Morning Guilds the Skies"

Caswell, 1858

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Psalm 8

Bibles, p. 466/ LG. p. 605

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

*"A Letter to All People"
By Chief Seattle*

Rev. Candice L. Klein

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Q. 15 What is the work of creation?

“The work of creation is that wherein God did, in the beginning – by God’s own power – make out of nothing, the world and all things in it for Godself, within the space of six days. And all was good.”

Q. 18 What are God’s works of providence?

“God’s works of providence are God’s most holy, wise, and powerful preserving, and governing all creatures, ordering them and all their actions to God’s own glory.” This, we believe. Amen.

– *The Larger Catechism Q 15 and Q 18*

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #625

“How Great Thou Art” (v 1 – 3)

Hine, 1949

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #625

“How Great Thou Art” (v 4)

POSTLUDE

Selected

(*) Those who are able may stand.

Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

This week’s prayers and concerns: Cindy Ratliff, Jane & Tolly Dill, Diane Dill, Mike Dill, Debbie Murphy, Bob Hays, Neil Pennal, the FPC Building Commissioners, and the Presbyterian churches of East Texas.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

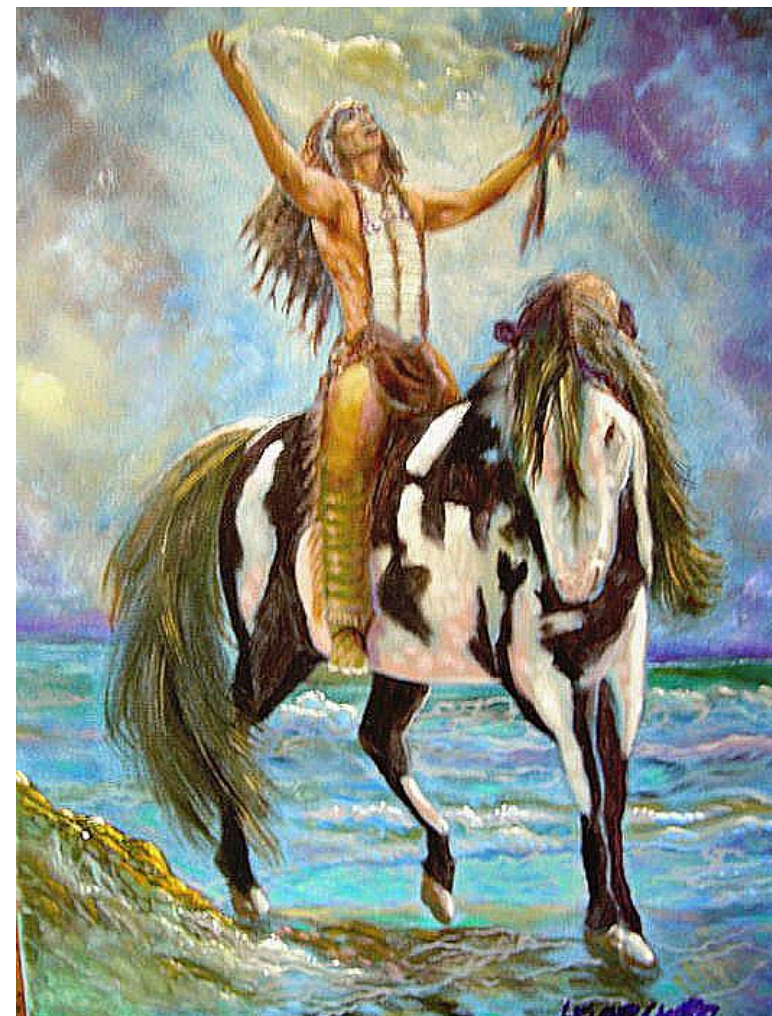
Sunday Mornings	8:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
Wednesdays	4:15-5:15 p.m.	Kids for God
Mon. 04/20	4:30 p.m.	Adopt A Block
Thurs. 04/23	6:00 p.m.	Spanish Class

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