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GOD'S
earth

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Service for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2019

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Source of Life, Creating God, on this Earth Care Sunday and every day, may we remember how humanity and nature are interconnected like a vast web over all the earth. Teach us to make choices that reflect our gratitude for the wonders you have created and for the benefit of generations to come. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Rev. Michele R. Goff

*INTROIT #14

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (v.1)

Pierpoint, 1864

*CALL TO WORSHIP - Responsive

Liturgist - John Hillin

Have you heard the news the women brought?

The tomb is empty. Christ is risen!

Have you heard the story Peter told?

The tomb is empty. Christ is risen!

Let us journey the road of faith together, ready for God to surprise us once more.

The tomb is empty. Christ is risen! Alleluia! Amen!

*HYMN #37

“Let All Things Now Living”

Davis, 1939

(In honor of Earth Day 2019, ALL of today's hymns are Earth Care hymns.)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of creation, we give thanks for the goodness of the earth that you made and sustain. Our voices join in praise with all creation: with the sea that roars, the trees that clap their hands, and the birds that sing in joy. Unite us by your Spirit, that we may be signs of your abundant mercy and live in thanksgiving for your grace, as we wait for the completion of your creation in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. ***Amen.***

CONFESSION

Beloved, we are made in the divine image, and God called us good. Yet we go our own way,

causing harm to ourselves, to one another, and to the planet. Confident in the mercy of the One who made us and saved us, let us confess our sin first in silence, then in unison.

SILENT REFLECTION

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life, you created us in your image to care for one another and for all creation. Forgive us for turning away from you, ignoring the needs of our neighbors and the cries of the earth. As the sun brings light and warmth to this earth, make us signs of your grace, through Christ, our light and life, we pray.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*“Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.”*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the water of baptism, God pours out mercy and blessing. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

***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.

Word

*** HYMN #20**

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Alexander, 1848

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Acts 5:27-32

Bibles,p.115/LG.p.149

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Revelation 1:4-8

Bibles,p.230/LG.p.297

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN #15

“All Creatures of Our God and King” (v.1-3)

Francis of Assisi, 1225

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-31

Bibles, p.108/ LG. p.141

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SERMON

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