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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 | | | | |
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| WELCOME | | Rev. Michele R. Goff | | | | |
| <u>*INTROIT</u> #14 | "For the Beauty of the Earth" (v.1) | Pierpoint, 1864 | | | | |
| *CALL TO WORSHI | 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! | | | | | | |
| <u>*HYMN</u> #37 | "Let All Things Now Living" | Davis, 1939 | | | | |

*HYMN #37

"Let All Things Now Living" (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

| <u>* HYMN</u> #20 | "All Th | ings Bright and Beautifu | <i>l</i> " | Alexander, 1848 | |
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| PRAYER FOR ILLUM | IINATION | | | | |
| NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE | | Acts 5:27-32 | Bibles,p.115/LG.p.149 | | |
| NEW TESTAMENT S This is the good new | | Revelation 1:4-8 We received, in which we state <i>Thanks be to God.</i> | | bles,p.230/LG.p.297 which we are saved. | |
| <u>HYMN</u> #15 | "All Creatur | res of Our God and King | " (v.1-3) | Francis of Assisi, 1225 | |
| GOSPEL SCRIPTURI This is the good new | s which we hav | John 20:19-31 ve received, in which we sta Thanks be to God. | | es, p.108/ LG. p.141 which we are saved. | |

SERMON

ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

All authority and power and dominion to the name that is above all names— Jesus Christ our Lord— now and in the age to come. *Amen.*

Response

<u>*HYMN</u> #250

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

Sleeth, 1986

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Unison**

The Affirmation of Faith is adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.26

Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - Responsive

Our response this morning is:

Yours is the womb of all life. Yours is the fountain of living water. Yours is the voice that breaks down walls. Yours is the love that cannot be contained.

THE LORD'S PRAYER - Unison

Using the words our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Selected

<u>*DOXOLOGY</u> ***New Language, same tune for the Easter Season*** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION - Unison**

Eternal God, take and use these gifts for your purpose in the world— giving food to the hungry, hope to the despairing, and new life to the dead. Teach us to live each day for you, so that future generations will know your goodness and praise your glory; in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the One who creates us, go with and before us, May the One who saves us, lead us into everlasting life, May the One who gives us wisdom, guide us in the way of peace. *Alleluia!*

Go and join the song of creation, singing out in praise to God. Go and join the cries of creation, yearning for healing. Go and work for the healing and wholeness of all the earth. *Thanks be to God.*

*RESPONSE #243

POSTLUDE

*HYMN #32

"Be Not Afraid"

Selected

Berthier, 1998

(*) Those who are able may stand. **Bold italic letters** indicate congregational responses. Watts, 1715