

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN

April 19, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.

Thanking God for the Gift of the Earth

WELCOME

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us dwell in God's shelter.

Let us dwell in God's work of art.

Come, because the Earth is the Lord's.

And God's Earth is our home.

We live in God's world. We are not alone.

We share life with the heavens and the Earth;

With the waters and the land; with trees and grasses;

With fish, birds, and creatures of every form;

And with all our brothers and sisters.

God is good, and everything God makes is good.

God is love, and everything God makes is the fruit of that love.

Let us worship God!

HYMN

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Allelu – ia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong. Ye clouds that sail in heaven along.

O sing ye! Alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice. Ye lights of evening, find a voice!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Allelu – ia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givest us both warmth and light.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Allelu – ia!

*Thou fertile earth that day by day unfoldest blessings on your way.
O sing ye! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, let them God's glory also show!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Allelu – ia!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, Maker of Heaven and Earth, You place us in Your creation, and you command us to care for it. Your works declare glory and splendor, and You call us to praise and reverence.

Where we have degraded or destroyed Earth's bounty, forgive us. Where we have taken beauty and majesty for granted, have mercy upon us. Where we have become estranged from the creatures with whom we share this planet, grant us Your peace.

Renew us in the waters of Baptism. Refresh us with the winds of Your Holy Spirit. Sustain us with the Bread of Life. Forgive us for the sake of Creation and in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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.*

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me. Breath of God. Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

OFFERING SENTENCES

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DOXOLOGY

*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.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, You have blessed us with the resources to share the Good News of Your love for all Creation. We dedicate these gifts and pray that they may bring healing, wholeness, and hope to the world that future generations may also know Your graciousness and love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 1:26-31

Job 12:7-10

Psalms 8

SERMON

"The Earth Is the Lord's"

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

*HYMN # 228

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

*This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world. I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas. God's hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems of to strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world. The battle is not done.
Jesus, who died, shall be satisfied, and Earth and Heaven be one.*

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*God be with you till we meet again. Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet,
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

TO THE KITCHEN FOR COFFEE!

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