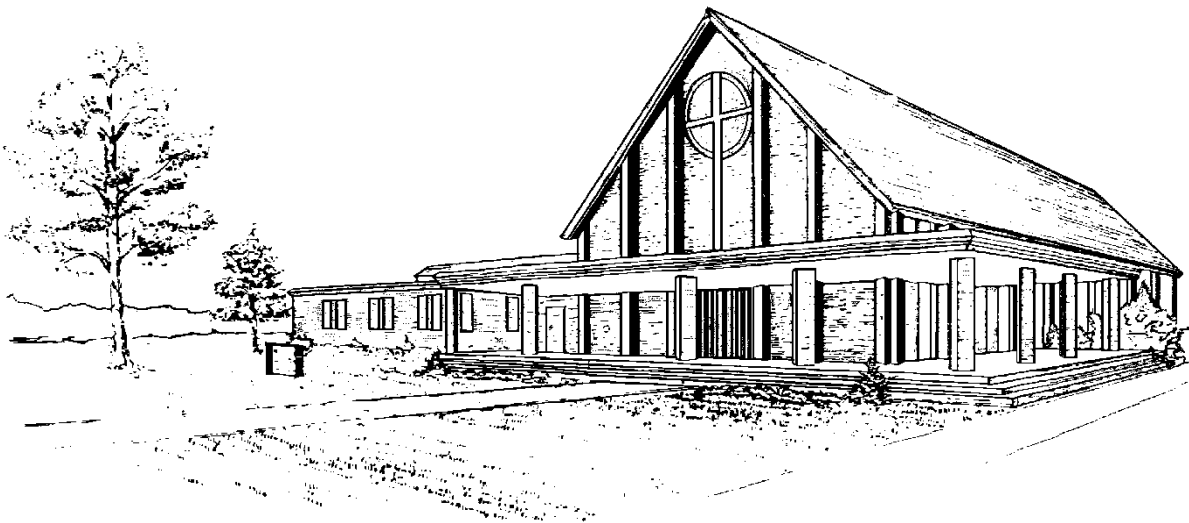


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“Thanking God for the Gift of the Earth”  
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Deacon Barbara Small

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 19)

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

***The firmament proclaims God’s handiwork.***

Day to day pours forth speech,

***And night to night declares knowledge.***

There is no speech, nor are there words.

***Their voice is not heard.***

Yet, their voice goes out through all the earth,

***And their words to the end of the world.***

HYMN # 455

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.*

#### PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder Betty Chatfield

#### PASTORAL PRAYER & THE 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.*

#### INVITATION TO OFFERING

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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

*Creator God, Your hands are open to satisfy the needs of every living creature. Accept these gifts as our thanks for Your loving kindness. Grant that we may be faithful stewards of all Your good gifts. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.*

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 104:1, 10-24a

Luke 12:15-31

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Earth Day – Doing Our Own Part”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN # 293

*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:

*Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God, our Creator, we are family.\*  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.*

(\*Original words: *With God as our Father, brothers all are we.*)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Memorial Service for Patricia (Pat) Lievendag**

A Memorial Service for our beloved Pat Lievendag will take place on Sunday, May 2, in our Sanctuary. It will begin at 1:00 p.m. with an opportunity to hear a recording of Pat's Senior Recital in college. A Service of Remembrance and Celebration will follow at 2:00, led by The Rev. Frederick Woodward and Mr. Ronald Lievendag. Immediately after the Service, Ron will host a dinner at the Moose Lodge for those who wish to attend.

### **Women's Choir**

Our Women's Choir will rehearse today immediately after our Service of Worship, and will sing at a Service in late May.

We would love to have some more women join us. You don't have to sing like a Broadway star – just be able to match pitch. Please see Pastor Ann.

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