



April 22, 2018 11:15 a.m.
4th Sunday of Easter

Gathering Song #20 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Welcome and Living Our Faith

Passing the Peace

Call to Worship

We gather in awe before the Source of all things.

We come to praise the Maker of heaven and earth.

Powerful Presence above us, below us, around us and within us,
touch us with a sense of wonder

and a reverence for your good creation.

Song #32

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Opening Prayer

**Mighty God, in the beginning,
when the firm earth emerged from the waters of life
you saw that it was good.**

**The fertile ground was moist, the seed was strong
and earth's profusion of color and scent was born.**

Awaken our senses this day to the goodness that still stems from Eden.

**Awaken our senses to the goodness that can still spring forth in us
and in all that has life. Amen.** J. Philip Newell, *Celtic Benediction*

Song #48

“Rain Down”

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 8

Kelly McCulloch, Lay Reader

Response

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Song #14

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Vs. 1 & 2

Song #22

“God of the Sparrow”

**Affirmation of Faith*

God made human beings together with all the other creatures and charged us to care for the earth and all that lives on it. We acknowledge we share in the interdependence that binds together all God’s creation. Yet God gives us power to rule and tame, to order and reshape the world. We hold the earth in trust for future generations of living things. The Lord forbids us to plunder, foul, and destroy the earth. The Lord expects us to produce, to consume, and to reproduce in ways that make earth’s goodness available to all people and reflect God’s love for all creatures. The Lord wants us to use our technical skills for beauty, justice, health and peace.

A Declaration of Faith, Presbyterian Church (USA)

Offering

Please sign the blue friendship notebook and pass it to the person next to you.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer (p. 35 in hymnal)

Song #24

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

Vs. 1 – 3

Sending

Response #24 “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

Vs. 4

Following worship, please join us in the Meeting Room for coffee, tea, and fellowship.

We are thankful for your presence and participation this morning. Westminster has two worship options each Sunday. Our other Sunday morning worship service is held at 9:00 a.m., and includes a choir, organ music and a brief Children's Message. Both services include prayers, singing, scripture and sermon.

Following worship, feel free to make a bouquet to brighten someone's day. April 22 would have been the 74th wedding anniversary of our parents, Jim and Em Bercaw. The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mom and Dad's anniversary from their family.

Please remember in your prayers Mary Young.

Children are welcome in worship. You will find yellow worship bags for all children at the chapel entrance.

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Pianist: Paul Fleckenstein
Song Leader: Sharon Babcock
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