

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Please stand as you are able.

April 28, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

(We invite you to take this time to prepare your hearts for worship.)

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

C. Callahan
Jeannie Lee, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others.)

Rev. Jan Butin

MINUTE FOR EARTH CARE

James Moore

RINGING OF THE BELL AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Owen McClintock and Owen Carter

INTROIT

To God Be the Glory (refrain)

Glory to God
Chancel Choir

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord let the people rejoice
O Come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory great things He has done!*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 24 and Psalm 19)

Blake Grammer

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
**for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.**

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his 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 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

Glory to God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(seated, unison)*

Jane Steinkraus

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.
Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. *(silent confession)* Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (verse 1)

Glory to God

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, Give praise to his name.**

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Alex Hemphill

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S SONG 2233

Where Children Belong

Sing the Faith

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song, this is where children belong.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Brianne Christiansen

ANTHEM

Come to the Waters

J.M. Boice, words

P.S. Jones, music

Chancel Choir

*Come to the waters, whoever is thirsty; drink from the Fountain that never runs dry.
Jesus, the Living One, offers you mercy, life more abundant in boundless supply.
Come to the River that flows through the city, forth from the throne of the Father and Son.
Jesus the Savior says, "Come and drink deeply." Drink from the pure, inexhaustible One.
Come to the Fountain without any money; buy what is given without any cost.
Jesus, the gracious One, welcomes the weary; Jesus, the selfless One, died for the lost.
Come to the Well of unmerited favor; stretch out your hand; fill your cup to the brim.
Jesus is such a compassionate Savior. Draw from the grace that flows freely from him.
Come to the Savior, the God of salvation. God has provided an end to sin's strife.
Why will you suffer the Law's condemnation? Take the free gift of the water of life.*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 1:20-2:3

20 And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." 21 So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." 23 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. 24 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. 25 God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, "Let us make human kind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." 27 So God created human kind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." 29 God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. 31 God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. 2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. 2 And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. 3 So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Isaiah 65:17-25

17 For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. 18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. 19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. 20 No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. 21 They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. 22 They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. 23 They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. 24 Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. 25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Colossians 1:15-17

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

SERMON

Creation and New Creation

Rev. Phil Butin

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(The Brief Statement of Faith)*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

**Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care
We deserve God's condemnation.**

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Generosity Cards are available in the pews for offering our thanks, time, talents, and treasures.)

OFFERTORY

For the Beauty

D. Paxton

*RESPONSE 36

For the Fruit of All Creation (verse 1)

Glory to God

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

**For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, in your grace ... **You hear our prayers.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SENDING

*HYMN 22

God of the Sparrow

Glory to God

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Give Praise to God

J.M. Boice, words
P.S. Jones, music

*Give praise to God who reigns above for perfect knowledge, wisdom, love;
His judgements are divine, devout, his paths beyond all tracing out.
Come, lift your voice to heaven's high throne,
And glory give to God alone.*

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

(As we leave, we are called to be God's light in the world.)

POSTLUDE

Creation's Praise

D. Elliot

*Flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Hugh Hudson Brewer, Jr.
by his wife, Martha, his children, Rice, Payne, and Marti, and their extended family.*