



Rooted & Grounded Lent 2017

Clearing. Digging. Planting. Watering. Thriving.

APRIL 2, 2017

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Carol Buller, organist

WELCOME

Ky Stoltzfus, worship leader

PRAYER

One: Creating God, for those who are wise to the ways of your earth:

All: Thank you.

One: For those who listen to the language of tree, rock, river, earth, ocean, stars, creatures, sky:

All: Thank you.

One: Teach us the vocabulary to convey our care,

*All: the words to tell the earth we hear her crying for peace,
the syllables of solace for all we have lost,
the gestures of healing for all we have harmed. AMEN. ***

*HYMN #90

For the fruit of all creation

STORYTELLING

CHILDREN'S TIME

Madeline Bollinger and Sallie Page-Goertz

COIN COLLECTION

Garden Song

Refrain: Inch by inch, row by row; Gonna make this garden grow;
Gonna mulch it deep and low; Gonna make it fertile ground
Inch by inch, row by row; Please bless these seeds I sow
Please keep them safe below; Till the rain comes tumbling down

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:25-34

REFLECTIONS

The Volunteers
The Kin-dom of Humus

Bob Campbell
Kimberly Hunter

ANTHEM

As rain from the clouds

arr. Keesecker
Jesse Graber, violin

(see next page for text)

As rain from the clouds will your word come to earth
As snow from the heavens refreshing the land.
Then soften our soil that the good seed may grow
And ripen rich fruit to your hand.
We praise you, our God, for the dew of your word;
(Refrain) We thank you, good gard'ner for your tender toil.
We bless you, best farmer, for hundred-fold yield,
For harvest of grace in our once-barren soil.

As grain that is scattered your word has been sown
On rocks and on roadways, in good earth and sand.
Make fertile our soil that the good seed may grow
And ripen rich fruit to return to your hand.
We praise you, our God, for the seed of your word; (Refrain)

As rays of the sun shall your word light the world,
Awaking and warming and healing our land.
Than shine in our hearts that the good seed may grow
And ripen rich fruit to return to your hand
We praise you, our God, for the light of your word; (Refrain)

COMMUNITY BUILDING

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper are available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

Offertory: *Sometimes a light surprises* (HWB #603)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

*HYMN #483

O God, who gives us life



Children in K - 5th grade are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 114), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.

6th-12th grade women are also dismissed for women's ensemble rehearsal in Ruth's office.

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated "SS" are in the purple *Sing the Story* hymnal.

** *Sing the Journey* # 141

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