

Because Easter coincides with the end of winter dormancy and the early signs of springtime, nature provides many metaphors for drawing our attention to the resurrection of Christ. The three stages of the butterfly—the caterpillar, the chrysalis, and the flight of the fully developed butterfly—serve as an ideal symbol, signifying Christ's life, death, and resurrection, as well as the idea of freedom from the imprisonment of death, not only for Christ, but for all persons. Consequently, the butterfly has become one of the most well-known symbols of the resurrection in the history of Christian symbolism. In early Christian paintings Christ is sometimes depicted holding the butterfly of resurrection. That is why we have placed 10 paper butterflies around the sanctuary today. There are also a few outside. See if you can find them!

MAY 14, 2017

Worship - 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Janelle Arnett Campbell, accompanist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Leroy Seat, worship leader

*HYMN #51

Let the whole creation cry

STORYTELLING

CHILDREN'S TIME Leroy Seat

SCRIPTURE 2 Timothy 1: 1-14

SERMON Happy Gazelle Day!

*HYMN #492 God of Eve, God of Mary

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 #25

Jesus, stand among us

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 *Perry* Rayna Gellert
Christian Hofer, Jesse Graber, Nancy Bosché

Tell me what trees I should plant, and I'll plant

Tell me how many and where they should go And how many babies to birth for to tend them To see what from earth and from birth I might grow

The small bitter pear will brew the sweet perry,
To brighten the nights when the days work is done
And when I'm long gone there'll be children and
orchards

To tend to each other here under the sun.

(Refrain)

Why do we land where we land when we're planted Born to lay eyes on the sand or the sea The green rolling hills or the eyes of my lover God only knows what I was meant to be.

(Refrain)

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.

*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.

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