

EARTH DAY

April 22, 2018

Worship 9:30am

Sunday School 10:50am

“When I think about resurrection, I don’t only think about what happened to Jesus. I think about what happened to his disciples. Something happened to them, too. They went into hiding after the crucifixion but after the resurrection appearances, they walked back out into the world. They became braver and stronger; they visited strangers, and healed the sick...it was not only what they saw when they saw Jesus, or how they saw it, but what was set free in them.

If there is some kind of life after death, what if it’s not a life exclusively for the dead? What if it’s a life available to us all—something the living can participate in, too?

We spend so much time in the church “believing” in the resurrection or “not believing” that we may lose the point. What if the resurrection is not about the appearances of Jesus alone but also about what those appearances pointed to, what they asked? And it is finally what we do with them that matters.” -Nora Gallagher, Practicing Resurrection

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Karen Goering Hostetler, pianist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

David Richardson Spaite, worship leader

*HYMN #89

For the beauty of the earth

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

CHILDREN’S TIME

Composting prayers

Kimberly Hunter

Sung response, please sing as indicated:

Silence my soul these trees are prayers

I asked the tree, tell me about God. . .Then it blossomed

Silence my soul the sun is prayer. . .Then is shined

Silence my soul the moon is prayer. . .Then it glowed

Silence my soul the earth is prayer. . .Then it gave life

SCRIPTURE

1 John 3:16-24

REFLECTIONS

Ruth Harder and Ken Parsons

ANTHEM

Consecration

Alice Parker

(see text next page)

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

Kimberly Hunter and David Richardson Spait

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #777

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

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you did not have time to submit a written announcement, or if something new needs highlighting, please hand your written announcement to the worship leader or pastor before the worship service.



Children in K-5 grades 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.

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

SENDING FORTH PRAYER, HYMN AND POSTLUDE

Please be seated for the postlude

*HYMN #122

Let all creation dance

*POSTLUDE

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

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

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

As we sing, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching and inclusive.

We offer special thanks to Seth Campbell for creating the peace cranes around the sanctuary.

Anthem text:

Take me life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
Take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my voice and let me sing, always only, for my King;
Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine: it shall be no longer mine.
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

Now Here God

Here is a place for worship reflections. What are you sensing about God in the here and now?
What words, images or questions do you want to take with you into this new week?

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