

Order of Worship - Earth Day Sunday - April 26, 2020

Prelude *What a Wonderful World* [1967] Bob Thiele and George David Weiss
Cam McPherson, keyboards; Andrew McPherson, trombone; Sven Larson, bass

Welcome & Call to Worship Rev. Will Burhans

Opening Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* New Century Hymnal #28

For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Morning Prayer Mabel Carpini & Shannon Miranda

Time for the Earth Ben Pulaski

Scripture Old Testament (various passages) Lulu Girotti & Alex Sansom
Luke 24:13-35 Rev. Judy Arnold

Sermon "The Yeast That Makes Life Rise" Rev. Jessica McArdle

Response "Peace of Wild Things" Jane Ring Frank & Sven Larson

Pastoral Prayer written and spoken by Sarah Campbell

Offertory Moment *It Might as Well Be Spring* [1945]
Music by Richard Rodgers/Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II
Cam McPherson, keyboards

Closing Hymn *We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky* New Century Hymnal #563

We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wildflowers growing,
For we are part of all that is within life's river flowing.
With open hands receive and share the gifts of God's creation,
that all may have abundant life in every earthly nation.

When bodies shiver in the night and, weary, wait for morning,
When children have no bread but tears, and war horns sound their warning,
God calls humanity to wake, to join in common labor,
That all may have abundant life in oneness with their neighbor.

God calls humanity to join as partners in creating,
A future free from want or fear, life's goodness celebrating.
That new world beckons from afar, invites our shared endeavor,
That all may have abundant life and peace endure forever.

Benediction

Rev. Will Burhans

Postlude

What a Wonderful World (Reprise)

Cam McPherson, keyboards; Andrew McPherson, trombone; Sven Larson, bass

Rev. Will Burhans, Lead Pastor, Rev. Judy Arnold, Associate Pastor,

Jane Ring Frank, Minister of Music & Worship Arts, Jeffrey Mead, Organist

Ben Pulaski, Minister of Faith Formation, Kathleen Zagata, Minister of Health & Wellness

Our special thanks this morning to our jazz musicians:

Cam McPherson, keyboards; Andrew McPherson, trombone; Sven Larson, bass