

April 19, 2020 ~ Second Sunday Of Easter

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISMS:

18 April -Stuart Davis,

21 April -Beverly Silver,

25 April -Mary Lou McMillin

GATHERING SONG: No. 243 - "Be Not Afraid"

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE: NO. 19 - "God of Great and God of Small"

God of great and God of small,

God of one and God of all,

God of weak and God of strong,

God to whom all things belong,

alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.

God of land and sky and sea,

God of life and destiny,

God of never-ending power,

yet beside me every hour,

alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.

God of silence, God of sound,

God by whom the lost are found,

God of day and darkest night,

God whose love turns wrong to right,

alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.

God of heaven and God of earth,
God of death and God of birth,
God of now and days before,
God who reigns forevermore,
alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it.

And yet, we've misused it for our gain,
Contributed to its destruction to ensure an extravagant lifestyle,
Neglected its cries for restoration.

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it.

And yet, we greedily deplete this gift of abundance.
We take instead of receive, consume instead of give, demand instead of thank.

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it.

And yet, our own wants have taken priority over the needs of others.
Because of our indifference, species of animals and plants are becoming extinct.
Because of our acts of discrimination, racialized communities live closest to the
sources of pollution. Because of our selfishness, Indigenous people are forced to
fight for the protection of their own land.
Because of our apathy, poverty stricken areas are left with unsanitary drinking
water. Because of our carelessness, bodies of water fill with waste.

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it.

And yet, we do not take responsibility for our actions or lack thereof.
Instead, we are quick to point fingers—to blame and accuse.
Though we see the pains and hear the groans of this beaten world,
we continue to pass by on the other side of the road.
Creator God, Lord of the earth and everything in it, forgive us.
And now, Creator God,
Just as you breathed life into dust, breathe anew into your people—
that these ashes of confession may bring your justice, peace, and hope to the
once dust of this world.
Creator God, you make beautiful things out of the dust. Give us the eyes to see,
the voices to declare, the hands and minds to affirm this truth:

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it.

Time for silent confession...

AMEN.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The good news is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again and again and again and again. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

SONG OF RESPONSE – No. 251 – “Christ has Arisen, Alleluia” v. 5 lines 1-2 and refrain

Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be.
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

VIDEO TESTIMONIALS: From the First Earth Day

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Acts 2:14a, 22-32 | Matthew 28:1-20

SERMON: “On the Move”

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 307 – “God of Grace and God of Glory”

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: "A New Normal" - excerpted from Dave Pruet's DNR Open Forum "Before and After Coronavirus"

It is high time to usher in a new normal. Let's start envisioning that world now. In the new normal, health care and sick leave will be rights, so that sick people don't continue working and infecting co-workers because they can't afford medical care.

In the new normal, all citizens will have a guaranteed basic income so that they don't risk eviction at every economic downturn.

In the new normal, the economy will serve the needs of people — like the stimulus package is doing — rather than people serving the needs of a rapacious economy.

In the new normal, it will be considered immoral — and illegal — for the top 1% to control as much wealth as the bottom 80%.

In the new normal, the virus of fake news will die out, and scientific expertise — epidemiological or climatological — will be respected and the foundation of public policy.

In the new normal, fossil fuel's rape of the Earth will cease, and our power will come from the sun, the wind, and the Earth herself.

In the new normal, humans will live gently on the Earth, a part of nature, not apart from it. And we will grant the Earth time to heal from deforestation, the devastation of extractive industries, and the fever of climate change.

In the new normal, we will beware the economic fallacy of perpetual growth and focus instead upon sustainable lifestyles and community resilience.

In the new normal, small communities will thrive, each with its own food production, energy generation, and greenways.

Crises sweep away our societal delusions — rugged individualism, perpetual growth, domination of nature — and reveal what is of enduring value: family, friends, beauty, altruism and love.

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

SPECIAL MUSIC - Lizzy Healy "Rainbow"

*DOXOLOGY: - No. 239 - "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!" v. 4

Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*FINAL HYMN: NO. 24 - "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

God, who stretched the spangled heavens infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space,
we, your children in your likeness, share inventive powers with you.
Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.

Proudly rise our modern cities, stately buildings row on row.
Yet their windows, blank, unfeeling, stare on canyoned streets below,
where the lonely drift unnoticed in the city's ebb and flow,
lost to purpose and to meaning, scarcely caring where they go.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race;
known the ecstasy of winging though untraveled realms of space;
probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined power,
facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew,
children of creative purpose, serving others, honoring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun.
Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BENEDICTION: "Every Morning is Easter Morning" v. 1 and Coda

Ev'ry morning is Easter morning from now on!
Ev'ry day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone!

Good-bye guilt, good-bye fear, good riddance! Hello, Lord, Hello, sun!
I am one of the Easter People! My new life has begun!
Ev'ry morning is Easter morning from now on!
Ev'ry day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone!
Ev'ry morning is Easter morning,
Ev'ry morning is Easter morning,
Ev'ry morning is Easter morning,
From now on!

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Multi-Faith Earth Day Service TODAY - Sunday, April 19 - 2pm: Link to see the service: <https://cathedral.org/earthday>

The Human Element: The documentary is available to view for free during Faith Climate Action Week April 17 – 26. The film captures the lives of everyday Americans on the front lines of climate change.

Link to SIGN-UP to see the documentary:

https://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50836/p/salsa/web/common/public/signup?signup_page_KEY=11669

Link to see the trailer:

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