



Kairos-Milwaukie United Church of Christ

*April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Earth Day*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jeanne Randall-Bodman

CENTERING MUSIC

Lily Breshears, Ian Timmons, and Kathy Walden

CALL TO WORSHIP

Will Fuller

In the beginning, the Spirit of God moved over the waters,
**and God said, “Unbind creation and let her out!”
and God declared it to be Good**

God said, “let there be light” and called the light “Day” and the darkness “Night.”
**God spoke the word to call the land from the water, pulling Crater Lake down to
the depths and raising Mount Hood high above the waters of the Columbia, and in
God’s eyes they were Good.**

God’s word called to life the berries and the milking cow, the Salmon and the Beaver.
**the honeybee and the gray wolf, the microbe and the elk,
and God’s heart saw them to be Good.**

Then God spoke a final time, making creatures who carry the divine image: us,
forming humans by holy word to tend and steward all that God had made.

And God saw that it was all Good.

And God declared: “It is all Very Good.”

On the seventh day, God rested.

**And on this seventh day, we come to rest and worship
and renew our gratitude to be part of God’s good creation.**

HYMN # 17

To You O God All Creatures Sing

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Chris Christensen

**To You we sing Holy One, rejoicing in the day you gave given.
Stir our souls with hope and courage, and let our feet dance on your good earth. Open our
eyes to the hopes and needs of our planet and all that share in its web of life. Embolden our
hearts to works of compassionate justice in your name. Empower us with your resurrection
life to tend to all life. Sing in our lives we pray, amen.**

LIBERATING WORD

Luke 12: 15 – 31

Johnette Orpinela

And Jesus said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.”¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly.¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.’¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

²² He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear.²³ For life is more than food and the body more than clothing.²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!²⁵ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life?²⁶ If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest?²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith!²⁹ And do not keep seeking what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying.³⁰ For it is the nations of the world that seek all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.³¹ Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

“Nanabozho Was Fishing”
as told by Robin Wall Kimmerer in Braiding Sweetgrass

Pastor Jeanne

REFLECTION

A Just Economy

Arwen Spicer

HYMN #28

For the Beauty of the Earth

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PRAYER OF JESUS

**Ground of all being, Mother of life, Father of the universe,
Your name is sacred. May we know your presence.
May your longings be our longings in heart and in deed.
May there be food for God’s family today. For the planet God loves.**

**Forgive us the falseness of what we have done
As we forgive those who are untrue to us.
Do not forsake us in our time of conflict,
but lead us into new beginnings.
For the light of life, the vitality of life, and the glory of life
are yours now and forever. Amen.**

SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

RESPONSE *Help me do the justice to be done today.
Help me love kindness in all I do and say.
Help me walk humbly with you, O God, I pray,
Every step of the way, every step of the way.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, we dedicate our lives and these gifts, brought in love, to your work of renewal, peace, and justice. Receive our gifts, we pray, and grant us clarity of vision, wisdom in planning, and courage in doing your will and way in the world. Amen.

HYMN

Light Dawns on a Weary World

Insert

BENEDICTION

Pastor Jeanne

POSTLUDE

Lily Breshears, Ian Timmons, and Kathy Walden


*This pretty planet spinning through space,
You're a garden, you're a harbor,
You're a holy place,
Golden sun going down,
Gentle blue giant spin us around.*

To You, O God, All Creatures Sing

Ps. 148


St. Francis of Assisi, 1225
Adapt. Miriam Therese Winter, 1993

Descant




4 To you, God, day af-ter day, earth in

Unison



1 To you, O God, all crea-tures sing, and all cre - a - tion, ev - ery -
2 Your wind that blows the tem-pest by, your clouds that sail a - cross the
3 Your flow - ing wa - ters, crys - tal clear, make mel - o - dies for you to
4 To you, O God, day af - ter day, your plan - et earth in ev - ery




ev - ery way sings your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! As fruit, fra - grant

(Harmony) *(Unison)*



thing sings your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! Your burn - ing sun with gold - en
sky sing your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! Your morn - ing ris - es with a
hear, sing your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! Your fire, . . . boun - ti - ful and
way, sings your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia, As sa - vory fruit and fra - grant



flower show forth glo - ry and power, sing - ing prais - es, al - le -

(Harmony)

beam, your sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam sing your prais - es,
 song, and lights of eve - ning sing a - long, sing your prais - es, al - le -
 bright, re - mem - bering your warmth and light, sings your prais - es,
 flower show forth your glo - ry and your power, sing - ing prais - es,

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

(Unison)

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

28 For the Beauty of the Earth

St. 1-3, Follitt S. Pierpoint, 1864; alt.
St. 4, Miriam Therese Winter, 1993

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,
2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,

For the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,
For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,

Refrain

God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

Follitt S. Pierpoint, author of numerous hymns, penned these verses near his native city of Bath, England, on a late spring day when flowers were in full bloom and all the earth seemed to rejoice.

Tune: DIX 7.7.7.7. with refrain
Conrad Kocher, 1838
Adapt. William H. Monk, 1861

HYMN

Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

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