

Earth Sunday Youth Worship  
Sunday, April 28, 2024

“For The Love of Creation”

Land Acknowledgment

Welcome & Announcements

Centring Music

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call To Worship

Whether we live near mountains or in the prairies,  
**we are one in the Spirit.**  
Whether our winters are balmy or our summers are cool,  
**we are one in the Spirit.**  
Whether we live near the Atlantic, Pacific,  
or Arctic Ocean or somewhere in the middle,  
**we are one in the Spirit**  
Whether we live in urban dwellings, nestled in the suburbs,  
or surrounded by a rural landscape,  
**we are one in the Spirit.**  
In a spirit of unity, caring for each other  
and the whole of creation,  
**we are one in the Spirit.**

Opening Hymn **Called by Earth and Sky** (More Voices 135)

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- Refrain*      Called by earth and sky,  
promise of hope held high.  
This is our sacred living trust,  
treasure of life sanctified,  
called by earth and sky.
- 1      Precious these waters,  
endless seas,  
deep ocean’s dream,  
waters of healing,  
rivers of rain,  
the wash of love again.      *Refrain*
- 2      Precious this gift,  
the air we breathe;  
wind born and free.  
Breath of the Spirit,  
blow through this place,  
our gathering and our grace.      *Refrain*
- 3      Precious these mountains,  
ancient sands;  
vast fragile land.  
Seeds of our wakening,  
rooted and strong,  
Creation’s faithful song.      *Refrain*
- 4      Precious the fire  
that lights our way,  
bright dawning day.  
Fire of passion,  
sorrows undone,  
our faith and justice one.      *Refrain*

## Morning Prayer

Anthem Old Time Religion

arr. Mark Hayes

A Time to Wonder "Trees"

Scripture Readings Daniel 3 (adapted)

Reflection "Lessons From Nature"

Hymn of the Day **All Things Bright and Beautiful**

(Voices United 291, vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5)

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*Music: 17<sup>th</sup> century English melody; adapt. and arr. Martin Shaw 1915*

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*Refrain* All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful:  
in love, God made them all.

1 Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colours,  
God made their tiny wings.

2 The purpleheaded mountains,  
the river running by,  
the sunset and the morning  
that brightens up the sky; *Refrain*

4 The rocky mountain splendour,  
the lone wolf's haunting call,  
the great lakes and the prairies,  
the forest in the fall;

5 God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God our maker,  
who has made all things well. *Refrain*

Invitation to Offering

Choral Response *Please stand in body or spirit.*

**Give Thanks**

*Henry Smith CCLI # 20235*

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give Thanks.

Offering Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Prayers In Unity for Creation

Parting Hymn **One People**

*Morry Stearns*

We are one people. One strong heartbeat.  
Just one Spirit shining bright within us all.  
We are part of one another, born to love each other.  
When it's all said and done, we are one.

## Benediction

**Go and act, for the care of creation.**

**Go and learn, for the sake of creation.**

**Go and pray, for the love of creation.**

**Knowing that the care of God enfolds you,  
the passion of the Risen Christ emboldens you,  
and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit empowers you,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## Postlude

Worship Leaders – Pastor Beth Parsons

Music Leader – Glenn Parsons

Greeter – Adele Heckmann, Alex and Izzy Heim, and Blyth Hughes

Spirit Kids – Moira Dennis and Marcia Goodwin

Scripture Reading – Alex Heim

Offering Invitation and Prayer – Stephen Godfrey

Technical Support – Sam Boehner and Jayda Perry

Fellowship Time – Men's Breakfast Group

Flowers for the service are offered by John and Pat MacLeod  
in celebration of the life of their daughter, Carolyn.

Thank you to Barrie Morson for his Earth Day displays.

“Lessons from Nature” resources from the David Suzuki Foundation