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Care for Creation:
Till the Earth

Genesis 2:4b–25

“Till the Earth”

God expects us to co-create.

Care for Creation, Part II • Third Sunday in Easter • May 11, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

CEL=Celebration Hymnal
GTG=Glory to God Hymnal

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Christ Has Arisen!" by Daniel Mattix

**Christ has arisen as our King.
Conquering death and sin's vile sting!
With all creation join to sing;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Liturgy:

Christ is risen!

Alleluia!

Death has been swallowed up in victory!

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

**The sting of death is sin, and the
power of sin is the law.**

But thanks be to God!

**He gives us the victory through our
Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia!**

**Christ has arisen from the grave,
He rose to triumph and to save!
New life to humankind he gave:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRELUDE

"More Love to Thee/My Jesus, I Love Thee"
arr. Melody Bober

OPENING SENTENCE

Genesis 2:15 (CEB)

The LORD God took the human and settled him in the garden of Eden to farm it and to take care of it.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF GATHERING

"This Is the Day" CEL #209

**This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made,
that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This the day that Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that
the Lord has made.**

SING

"Mother's Day Song" by Jaime Woodruff

On this day, on this day, Lord we thank You for our mothers on this day. All their guidance and their care, Lord, with us Your love they share, Let us praise You for their love on this day. Mother's Day, Mother's Day, Lord, may this day be holy, Mother's Day. With Your wisdom they show grace, an example to embrace. Lord, help us return their love every day. In Your church, in Your church. May our Mothers be honored in Your church. Lord, to honor and obey, in Your presence we now pray. O please bless this special day, in Your church.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us begin with silent prayer...

Creator God, even though you are the real owner, the true employer, and the one and only God, we are quick to act as though our authority over Creation is NOT given but owed. Like we own the place. Please correct this tendency in us. Help us realize everyday our *partnership* with you over the world around us. Help us renew our sense of direction from you over what must grow. Forgive us for forgetting that all of Creation, even our role in it, is *given*. May we come to reflect your generosity as enthusiastically as we receive it. Thank you for listening, God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's love can change everything, even the power of our sins over us. And it is God's will that we have this power:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

The Peace of Christ be with you

And also with you.

SING

"Gloria Patri"

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning.
It is now and ever shall be
world without end: Amen, amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Word of God doesn't just inform: it reveals. The Word of God doesn't just tell us the truth, it empowers us to live our true path. The Word of God, by God's own Spirit, teaches us to live. Let us be open to this gift of God and ask for help to understand. Let us pray...

PRAY/SING

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" GTG #232

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross,
Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

Listen closely to the Word of God to us all and our ongoing place in God's story...

READ: Genesis 2:4b–25 (CEB)

The second Creation story.

^{4b} On the day the LORD God made earth and sky—⁵ before any wild plants appeared on the earth, and before any field crops grew, because the LORD God hadn't yet sent rain on the earth and there was still no human being to farm the fertile land, ⁶ though a stream rose from the earth and watered all of the fertile land—⁷ the LORD God formed the human from the topsoil of the fertile land and blew life's breath into his nostrils. The human came to life. ⁸ The LORD God planted a garden in Eden in the east and put there the human he had formed. ⁹ In the fertile land, the LORD God grew every beautiful tree with edible fruit, and also he grew the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ¹⁰ A river flows from Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides into four headwaters. ¹¹ The name of the first river is the Pishon. It flows around the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹² That land's gold is pure, and the land also has sweet-smelling resins and gemstones. ¹³ The name of the second river is the Gihon. It flows around the entire land of Cush. ¹⁴ The name of the third river is the Tigris, flowing east of Assyria; and the name of the fourth river is the Euphrates. ¹⁵ The LORD God took the human and settled him in the garden of Eden to farm it and to take care of it. ¹⁶ The LORD God commanded the human, "Eat your fill from all of the garden's trees; ¹⁷ but don't eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, because on the day you eat from it, you

will die!" ¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, "It's not good that the human is alone. I will make him a helper that is perfect for him." ¹⁹ So the LORD God formed from the fertile land all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky and brought them to the human to see what he would name them. The human gave each living being its name. ²⁰ The human named all the livestock, all the birds in the sky, and all the wild animals. But a helper perfect for him was nowhere to be found. ²¹ So the LORD God put the human into a deep and heavy sleep, and took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh over it. ²² With the rib taken from the human, the LORD God fashioned a woman and brought her to the human being. ²³ The human said, "This one finally is bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh. She will be called a woman because from a man she was taken." ²⁴ This is the reason that a man leaves his father and mother and embraces his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵ The two of them were naked, the man and his wife, but they weren't embarrassed.

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us...

All: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

"From Here to There"

ANTHEM

"This Little Light of Mine"

arr. Ginger Littleton; Soloists: Sandy Muller, Daphne Layfield, Erin Layfield

SERMON

"Till the Earth"

Rev. David Ealy

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

SING

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

GTG #250

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

"Prayer for Mothers"

text by Kathy Burdette and music by Donna Butler; Duet: Lora and Noah Melton

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God, above heavenly hosts
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

BLESSING

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

I believe in God's hopes—
That God created us for a reason,
That God chose people for a reason
That God fought for us for a reason
That God fought against us for a reason
That God called us out on our sins
for a reason
That God made us partners with
God for the building of the kingdom
That God created us for a purpose
That God has called us to be
farmers:

prophets, priests, teachers,
students, companions, travelers,
historians, parents, grandparents,
aunts, uncles, siblings and most
importantly children
all tilling the earth
Now by God's grace,
God's love really does
change everything
and makes us people of God
because of Jesus Christ
Who was, who is, and is to come.
Thanks be to God. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

Let us pray...

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" GTG #240

Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give praise to His name. (2 X)

...Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us
this day our daily bread. And forgive
us our debts as we forgive our
debtors. And lead us not into
temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you, God, for making us
your kingdom. Help us live out
that thanks by being a refuge to all
you call us to. Thank you for
including us at your Table. Help us
do the same with ours. In the great
name of Jesus Christ we pray this
together. Amen.

SONG OF SENDING

"For the Fruit of All Creation" GTG #36

SENDING & BENEDICTION

Let us say together the Benediction...

God expects us to co-create.

SING

"Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!" GTG #390

Praise, praise, praise the Lord!
Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!
Praise, praise, praise the Lord!
Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!
Praise God's holy name, alleluia!
Praise God's holy name! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"
arr. Jerry Ray



PRAYER CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

The following are prayer concerns & celebrations given to us through email, Prayer Notebook at the entrance, by phone or word of mouth. Please use this list in your prayers through the week.

- Staff of the month: Danny Way
- Dana Albright—lung cancer
- Baby Dawson—at home & doing well
- Henry Crisp—health concerns
- Joann Jordan—at Liberty Commons with deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism
- Harold Noell—recovering from surgery
- Kenon McCollum—undergoing tests at UNC for tonsil infection and meeting oncologists; diagnosis will be confirmed following the removal of tonsils (Grandson of Wes & Brenda Hair)
- Tom Rich—Praise! No surgery is needed; treatment with medication
- Helen Thomas—heart procedure on 5/6
- Erin Westbrook—health concerns (Nanette’s nephew’s wife)

Our prayers continue for:

Cindy Atkins, Ron & Pat Baugus, Rose Boderck (Liberty Commons, Rm #103), Harriett Covington (under hospice care), Susan Loy (Alamance House), Joe McAdams, Josephine Minor, Kevin Monroe (White Oak Manor), Betty Sykes & Carol Thompson (Compass Health Room, #A-9), and Pat Webster

THE 2025 SESSION



Moderator



Clerk



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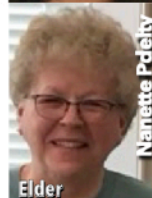
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GROW WHAT GOD WANTS

So if you were hired to work on a farm, who do you think calls the shots about what is planted and grown? The one who hired you, of course! So knowing God is the one who created AND employed us, what do you imagine God wants grown on the world God made? What do you imagine God wants grown *in you*? As you contemplate God's ongoing creative work in you and the world around you, how reliable an employee are you? How well do you follow instructions and innovate against the challenges to God's goals for harvest? If you really want to dig into the metaphor, talk to people who farm for a living (if you don't already do that). Find out what goes into their decisions and work and compare that to the work you do with your faith.

QUESTIONS AS YOU WORSHIP THIS WEEK

- What does it take for something to grow?
- When growing anything, is there a bigger part of the process than patience?
- What does tilling the soil actually do?
- Why do you imagine picked YOU as a co-creator?

HONOR YOUR MOTHERS!

It is hard to overstate how much we need and count on those who mother us. Those folks who help make sure we're fed and ask us uncomfortable questions. Those who mentor us and those who work ahead of us. Those who want the best for us and those who love taking care of us. While this Sunday is an arbitrarily set holiday, the task of honoring those who mother us is not arbitrary. Take time to show appreciation this weekend. Find ways to show honor year round.

CARING FOR CREATION

The truth is as daunting as it is grace-filled: we ARE *partners* with God in Creation. God has seen fit to give us authority over the majesty, variety, and riches of Creation. The question is *what kind of partner does God want us to be?* We will be exploring Scripture's take on our role in several ways throughout this series. Look for the study materials on our website and Facebook page.

COMPASS COMMUNION SERVICE

On Sunday, **May 11th**, we are hosting our worship service with Communion at Compass Health and Rehabilitation. It's a special one as we will celebrate Easter (early!) with them. We

can use your help to make it happen! We need folks to prepare the Communion elements, to gather residents who need assistance, to help residents during the service, and getting folks back in place. We meet at the door closest to the Chapel (facing the front, the door to the right end of the building) at 1:30pm.

CIRCLE #2 AND CIRCLE #3

- Circle #2 will meet this Monday, **May 12th** at 2:00 PM at the home of Harriett Covington.
- Circle #3 will meet this Tuesday, **May 13th** at 7:00 PM in the parlor.

All women are invited to join us!

HOMECOMING 2025: MUSIC FESTIVAL

The third Sunday in May is the traditional celebration of the founding of our congregation and our church family reunion! This year, as we celebrate on **May 18th**, we invite everyone to come ready to reminisce and reconnect. This year, we plan on worshipping together in song! Also, as always, we will have our potluck following the service. Bring Lemonade or Tea and your favorite dish to share and be ready for our group picture. Everyone is welcome to join in, whether or not they're a member or friend or visitor! Let's make this a grand celebration of 270 years!

IT'S TIME TO BUILD!

Once again we have the opportunity to participate in a community Habitat for Humanity build! We have 8 available slots for hands on work. The available dates for the build will be **May 20-23 and May 27-31**. Please let Carol Phillips know if you'd like to be on the list. Also, the Community Life Community once again is sponsoring a matching campaign. They will match donations from the congregation toward Habitat up to \$500. This is an important and timely ministry, especially with affordable housing being a particular challenge these days. Let's get building!

GAME NIGHT!

Friday, **May 23rd**, starting at 7:00 PM, is once again Game Night! Bring your favorite

card or board game to share as well as a snack. We will break out at tables throughout the Fellowship Hall (and if need be, the Education Building). Come and join in and let's learn a thing or two about each other!

HYMNAL CAMPAIGN

A big thank you to all the folks who've donated hymnals to our campaign! We've have received 19 hymnals, which means we need one more to fill the pews, especially for services like funerals when the overhead projectors aren't working. If you or a group (like a committee or choir) want to honor or remember someone, one hymnal costs \$30. It includes a bookplate in the inside cover with all the details about the donation. To make your payment, you can do it online, place in the offering plate, or bring to the office. Our goal is to buy 20 books and wrap up the campaign by **May 31st**. Let's make this a memorable campaign!

- Who is presenting the gift.....?
- Who is being honored or memorialized (can be more than one person).....?
- Who is presenting the gift.....?
- Who is being honored or memorialized (can be more than one person).....?

MANNA MARKET NEEDS

The following are the non-perishable items needed for Manna Market: mixed veggies, canned potatoes, canned corn, pork & beans, diced tomatoes, canned tomato sauce, pasta noodles, jar spaghetti sauce, canned kidney beans, canned black beans, peanut butter, oatmeal, grits, mac and cheese, jam/jellies, canned tuna, canned chicken, Jiffy corn bread, pancake mix and syrup, Raman noodles, pop tarts, and saltines. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

See one of us after worship to make your investment!

Help us make it to our faith destination by buying Youth Stock!

When you purchase youth stock, you are investing in our faith and the future of our Church. You can purchase Youth Stock for only \$10 a share. And there is no limit to how many shares you can buy!!

The dividend you will receive for your investment included a note written by youth attending the conferences and a delicious dinner at the end of the summer where we will tell you all about our experiences at the conferences.

THE WEEK AHEAD:

SUNDAY, MAY 11

- 9:00 AM Youth Sunday School
- 9:15 AM Coffee & Treats (F. Hall)
- 10:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 1:30 PM Communion @ Compass Health
- 6:00 PM Faith @ Night Service

MONDAY, MAY 12

- 2:00 PM Circle #2 Meeting
- 7:00 PM "The Chosen" Bible Study

TUESDAY, MAY 13

- 11:00 AM Staff Meeting & Prayer
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Meeting (F. Hall)
- 7:00 PM Circle #3 Meeting (Parlor)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

- 10:00 AM Busy Bees Workshop
- 1:30 PM Hawfields Dulcimers (F. Hall)
- 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous (Fleming)

THURSDAY, MAY 15

- 9:00 AM Coffee & Prayer @ Habit Coffee
- 10:00 AM Community Life Committee
- 6:30 PM AA Meeting (Fleming Room)

FRIDAY, MAY 16

- 11:00 AM Bingo

SATURDAY, MAY 17

- 9:00 AM Walking Group (church track)

SUNDAY, MAY 18

- 9:00 AM Youth Sunday School
- 9:15 AM Coffee & Treats (F. Hall)
- 10:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 AM Youth—Hiking @ Cate's Farm
- 3:00 PM Girl Scout Meeting
- 6:00 PM Faith @ Night Service

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BY THE NUMBERS _____ 5/4/25

Giving Budget 2025.....\$346,202.00

Gen. Fund YTD\$82,822.74

Needed monthly\$28,850.17

G.F. Month to date\$6,855.81

Needed weekly.....\$6,657.73

Last week.....\$6,855.81

Building Fund.....\$0.00

Youth.....\$0.00

Helping Hands Balance.....\$997.01