

Third Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 19, 2026

Earth Day Service

We Gather As God's Children

The Life and Work of the Church

Centring Music Creator God You Gave us Life
Words and Music: Judith Snowdon, 2004

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rain comes after drought,
Spring brings rebirth.
The cycle of seasons is never ending,
As is God's love.
God's love abounds, God's font is never dry.
**God asks us to take his love and renew our souls,
our minds, our lives.**
We light the Christ candle,
to invite the Spirit who brings new birth to all people.

Hymn **For the Beauty of the Earth** (Voices United 226)
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1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

Refrain God of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light, *Refrain*

3 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, *Refrain*

4 For each perfect gift sublime
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven, *Refrain*

Morning Prayer

A Time to Wonder The Story of Frog Belly Rat Bone
by Timothy Basil Ering

We Listen For God's Word

Scripture Reading The Parable of the Sower Mark 4:3-9

Anthem This Land is Your Land
Words and Music: Woody Guthrie; Arr. Glenn Parsons

Reflection "G.R.O.W. Where You're Planted." (Moira Dennis)

Hymn of the Day **Called by Earth and Sky**
(More Voices 135, vs. 1 - 3)

Words and Music: Pat Mayberry, 2005

Arr. Margaret Stubbington, 2005

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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

We Live Out Our Faith to Love and Serve

Invitation to Offering

Offering Music The Garden Song (video) *David Mallett*

Offering Response **This is the Day that God has Made**
(Voices United 175, Chorus Only)

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This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad!
This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!

Offering Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You**
(Voices United 232)

Words: Henry van Dyke 1907, alt.

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges 1864

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1 Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

- 2 All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
sound their praise eternally.
- 3 You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing,
let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.
- 4 Mortals join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

Benediction

Postlude For The Beauty Of the Earth

Music: David Evans 1927; arr. Glenn Parsons

Worship Leadership – Pastor Beth Parsons
Grace Cave, Moira Dennis and The Spirit Kids
Music Leadership – Glenn Parsons and the CBUC Choir
Centring Music - Lynn Dennis
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey
Morning Prayer – Marlo Taylor
Offering Invitation and Prayer – Alan Priestley
Greeters – Marlo, Maelynn & McKinley Taylor
Technical Support – Rob Glenn and Louise Johnston
Fellowship Time – Ethel Wilson Women's Group
Flowers are offered by Elaine and Tom Zandee.