

First Presbyterian Evanston

April 24, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

Creation Care Sunday

Second Sunday of Easter

FOCUS

Prelude

The Swan

(Music: from Carnival of the Animals, Camille Saint-Saëns, 1886)

For the Beauty of the Earth

(Music: arr. Stan Pethal, b. 1950)

Welcome & Announcements

EXALT

Introit *(from Psalm 104)*

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul.

All: O LORD my God, you are very great.

Leader: You make springs gush forth in the valleys;

All: they flow between the hills,

Leader: By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation;

All: they sing among the branches.

Leader: From your lofty abode you water the mountains;

All: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

Leader: You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,

All: and plants for people to use,

Leader: to bring forth food from the earth,

All: O LORD, how manifold are your works!

Leader: In wisdom you have made them all;

All: the earth is full of your creatures.

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

All: may the LORD rejoice in his works—

Leader: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

All: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul.

All: Praise the LORD!

Opening Hymn This is My Father's World

(Words: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901; Music: tune "Terra Beata," Franklin Lawrence Sheppard, 1906, arr. Cory Alstad & Tony Hiebert; CCLI Song #7002338)

This is my Father's world
And to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings
The music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world
I rest me in the thoughts
Of rocks and trees
Of skies and seas,
His hands the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world
The birds their carols raise
The morning light, the lily white
Declare their Maker's praise.

This is my Father's world
He shines in all that's fair
In the rustling grass
I hear him pass
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world,
Dreaming I see His face.
I ope my eyes in glad surprise
Cry "God is in this place"

This is my Father's world,
From shining courts above,
The Beloved one,
His Only Son,
Came pledge of deathless love.

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Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

All: God of creation and Lord of life, you entrusted us to care for our world, but in so many ways we have failed. Help us to realize how fragile and unstable our surroundings are, because we are not caring for your creation. We need to be true stewards and to understand how the most insignificant little flowers, and the tiniest insects, each creature and individual people are all part of a wondrous whole. Amen. *(People offer their own silent prayers to the Lord)*

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God created and loves creation and God created and loves us also. Just as surely as God makes creation new each morning God offers us a new beginning each new day.

Brothers and sisters, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Song of Response

The Heavens are Telling

(Words: from Psalm 19; Music: Sandra McCracken)

The heavens are telling the glory of God.
The earth declares the work of His hands.
The law of the Lord, more desired than gold,
Sweeter than honey, reviving the soul.

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment & Passing the Peace of Christ

Faith in Action – Worship Council

Scripture

Genesis 2:15

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

Psalm 8

O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

**2 Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

**4 what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?**

⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.

⁶ **You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,**

⁷ all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,

⁸ **the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

⁹ **O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Sermon

Caring for Our Home

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

All Things Bright & Beautiful

(Words: Mrs. C.F. Alexander, 1823-95; Music: John Rutter, 1983)

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

*Each little flow'r that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings. All things...*

*The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning*

*That brightens up the sky;
The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them ev'ry one; All things...*

*He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.
All things...*

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

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.

Closing Song All Creatures of our God and King

*(Words: St. Francis of Assisi, 1225, paraphrased William H. Draper, 1855-1933;
Music: tune "Lasst uns erfreuen" from "Ausserlesene Catlwilische Geistliche Kirchengesänge,"
Cologne, 1623; arr. Alice Parker, 1979; CCLI Song #1503)*

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise Him, Alleluia.

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening find a voice!
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thou flowing water pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
Thou givest all both warmth and light!
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise Him...Amen.

Benediction

Postlude

Salut d'amour, Op. 12

(Edward Elgar, 1888)

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Dr. Rebecca Chu, Organist, Piano, **Melissa Bach**, Cello, **Hannah McLeod**, Flute
Hannah Dixon McConnell, Dir. of Worship & Music, Choir Director, Faith in Action
Chancel Choir

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Director, Piano, Vocals. **Allison Allen**, Vocals,
Tina Laughlin, Percussion & Timpani, **Erwin Yasukawa**, Bass

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor, Welcome, Introit, Sermon, Sharing of Tithes,
Benediction

Rev. Amanda Golbek, Minister of Children & Youth, Confession, Children's Message &
Peace

Alyce Claerbaut, Scripture Reading

Betsey Newenhuysen, Elder, Faith in Action, Prayers of the People

Tuah Jenta, Elder, Faith in Action

Evan Peters, A/V Coordinator, Live Audio

Noah McLeod, Interim A/V Coordinator, Audio

Jim Teague, Director of Communications, Projection

Jacob Collins, A/V Volunteer, Live Stream Technical Director

John Carlson, A/V Volunteer, Online Chat

Trudy Delfosse Wenger, A/V Volunteer, Online Chat

Alexis Langlois, A/V Volunteer, Audio

Qin Zhou, A/V Volunteer, Online Chat

Joe Sickles, Building Team

Susan Anderson, Carol Clanton, Marcia Smith, Ushers

Sally Ivaska & Kim Klamm, Prayer Companions

Christian Education & Childcare

The Nursery will be open from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Youth/Children's Education - 11 a.m. Sunday Morning

Pre-K through 4th Grade meets on the 3rd floor.

5th through 8th Grade meets in the Choir room.

High Schoolers meet in Room 206.

Youth Group meets 4-6 p.m. – *NOTE: This week, Senior High students will attend the Evanston Township High School musical in the evening. Junior High students will have youth group as usual.*

Adult Education – Sundays at 11 a.m.

'The James Code' Class – Meets in Room 213 and on Zoom.

First Pres Announcements

Fellowship time in Roy Hall, TODAY - Join us today after the service in our 2nd Floor gym as the Deacons host our Sunday gathering.

‘The James Code’ Adult Education class resumes today at 11 a.m. – Our adult education class takes place in Room 213 at 11 a.m. Taught by Michael Allen, co-founder and chief strategy officer of Together Chicago, this course will focus on the letter of James, with supplemental reading from *The James Code: 52 Scripture Principles for Putting Your Faith into Action*, by O.S. Hawkins.

Wednesday Prayer Gathering, April 27 on Zoom – We will have a brief devotional time and then bring our cares and concerns before our amazing, loving God!

Taste of Pilgrimage is next Saturday! – Join us at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 30, in the Parlor to learn more about the Pilgrimage Ministry at “Taste of Pilgrimage.” This fun and tasty social event will give attendees a closer look at this vital opportunity. The Pilgrimage weekend retreat is a disciple building process designed to deepen your relationship with Christ and give you tools which enable you to live a balanced Christian life in your daily affairs. We look forward to sharing our journey in Christ with all of you! To RSVP to Taste of Pilgrimage, e-mail Karen Bregman at jkjka6@sbcglobal.net or call 312-882-2121.

Agape Meal Next Sunday at noon – All are invited to join us next Sunday, May 1, at noon for our Agape meal. We will enjoy a time of fellowship with each other along with a simple meal. It is our way of continuing the feast we celebrate at the communion table. No RSVP is needed for this free meal.

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as we serve and make disciples in Evanston, the Chicago area,
and the world.***



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Your Name

Family members' names/ages

Street Address, City, State, Zip

Phone: Cell Home

Email address

- Send me the weekly E-newsletter
- First time visitor
- Occasional attendee
- Regular attendee/member

- Single
- Married
- Have children at home
- Junior/High School student
- College student/Graduate student

I'm interested in:

- Knowing Jesus better
- I need prayer or support
- I would like to speak with a pastor
- Joining a Small Group
- Joining the Welcome Team
- Worship Music Team
- Sound/AV/Video Team
- Prayer Team
- Becoming a Member
- I need a Stephen Minister
- Communion at home suggested for
_____ (name)

Please pray for:

(This is shared with pastors & confidential prayer team)