

# Unity Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 21, 2024

4th Sunday of Easter

Lighting of the Candles (quiet please)

**Gathering of God's**

**Choral Call to Worship**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

L: God said, "Let there be light."

**P: and God saw that the light was good.**

L: God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear."

**P: God called the dry land Earth and saw that it was good.**

L: God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation."

**P: and God saw that it was good.**

L: God created every living creature.

**P: and God saw that it was god.**

L: God said, "Let us make humankind in our Image."

**P: God saw everything that had been made and it was very good.**

**All: Amen and Amen.**

**Morning Prayer**

**+Hymn of Praise "For the Beauty of the Earth" (Screen)**

**+Call to Confession**

**+Prayer of Confession**

**Redeeming God, though we are created in Your Image we do not live in that image. You have made us caretakers of creation yet we have and still are exploiting that creation for our own purposes. We pollute the air and foul the rivers, streams, and lakes. We poison the earth and the oceans and we cause the planet's climate to change. In our attempts to make our lives more comfortable we make creation unsustainable. Forgive us, O Creator God. Call us back to Your holy mandate to till and keep the earth for all Your created creatures. Indeed, O Creator God, call us back in the holy work of redeeming and restoring Your creation for future generations. (Silence) Amen.**

**+Assurance of Pardon**

**+Passing the Peace**

**Our Life Together**

**(Announcements)**

**Children's Message:**

**Anthem**

**(Choir)**

**Service of the Word**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture: OT: Ecclesiastes 3: 1 – 15 Psalm 104: 14 - 26**

**Sermon: "Song of Creation"**

**Rev. Massink**

**Responding in Faith**

**+Hymn of Adoration "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (Screen)**

**+Affirmation of Faith**

**+THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in God the Almighty, who is Lord of life and the Creator of all living things on earth, and the work of creation is full of God's glory. We believe that by His infinite power, God raised His Son, Jesus the Christ, to new life; and Christ ascended into heaven, far above every power, dominion, and authority, both in this age and in the age to come. We believe that the Church is founded upon the resurrection of Christ. He is the head of the Church and we are the body. Christ calls us to be His disciples through the power of the Holy Spirit, and to proclaim our faith among all nations, to the glory of the Triune God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.**

**Amen**

**+Gloria Patri**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**Giving of our Tithes and Offerings**

**+The Doxology**

**+Prayer of Dedication**

**+Hymn of Commitment**

**Sending Out into the World**

**Charge and Benediction**

**Choral Benediction**

**Postlude**

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