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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

EARTH SUNDAY

April 24, 2022



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“Invest in the millennium. Plant sequoias. Say that your main crop is the forest you did not plant, that you will not live to harvest. ...Practice resurrection.” ~ Wendell Berry

~ GATHERING ~

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(from Matthew 6)*

Consider the lilies of the field and the birds of the air.

Let us join with creation in praising God.

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalms 19, 24)*

The heavens declare the glory of God.

The earth proclaims God's handiwork.

The plants and trees show God's presence.

Let us join with creation in praising God.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

the world and those who live in it.

God has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.

Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN

IN THE BULB THERE IS A FLOWER

GTG #250

by Natalie Sleeth

PROMISE

CHILDREN OF GOD

All: May God be with you there. Kids: May God be with you here.

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life, you created us in your image to care for one another and for all creation. Forgive us for turning away from you, ignoring the needs of our neighbors and the cries of the earth. As the sun brings light and warmth to this earth, make us signs of your grace, through Christ, our light and life, we pray. Amen. *[Silent Confession]*

*RESPONSE

BE NOT AFRAID

GTG #243

Taizé Community and Jacques Berthier

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

...for in Jesus Christ we are restored. **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE (*from John 20:19, 21*)

Peace be with you. Jesus stands among us.

Peace be with you. The risen Lord is here.

ALLELUIA

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!

GTG #591

Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell (Refrain)

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

REVELATION 21:1-7

(NRSV)

This is the good news we have received,

in which we stand, and by which we are saved. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

THESE THINGS DID THOMAS COUNT AS REAL

GTG #256

by Thomas H. Troeger

KEDRON

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 20:19-31

(NRSV)

SERMON

PRACTICE RESURRECTION

Rev. David B. Wigger

RESPONSE

AMEN

GTG #600

African American; arr. Nelsie T. Johnson

~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*adapted from the Confession of 1967*)

Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is God's sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes the natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. (*continued on next page*)

It is the will of God that God's purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from creation.

Now to the one who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

***RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

~ *SENDING* ~

HYMN

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

GTG #37

Welsh folk melody; by Katherine K. Davis

ASH GROVE

BENEDICTION

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed!**

POSTLUDE



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