

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 15, 2018 11:00 A.M.

Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE "Air" Gerre Hancock

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Gathered in the name of Jesus Christ,
inspired by the Holy Spirit, and blessed by Creator,

ALL: We come to worship the one good and holy God.

One: O God of all that is, how wonderful is your name in all the earth.

**ALL: Your majesty is the music of the starry skies.
yet even children of dust, like us, can sing your praises.**

One: In the name of the Healer, the Provider and the Enabler
Let our gratitude and joy be made known.

**ALL: O God, who broods over us and all people,
how wonderful is your name in all the earth!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Let All Things Now Living" No. 2008

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

"How Great Thou Art" No. 77 (verse 1)

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER "How Great Thou Art" No. 77 (refrain only)

PRAYER OF APPROACH (in unison)

**O Lord our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth. Your majesty is praised
above the heavens. On the lips of children and babies you have found praise to foil
those who oppose your ways.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (ecumenical version)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Christ Hath A Garden"

Gerald Near

Christ hath a garden walled around, a paradise unfruitful ground, chosen by love and fenced by grace from out the world's wide wilderness. Like trees of spice his servants stand, they are planted by his mighty hand; by Eden's gracious streams, that flow to feed their beauty where they grow. Awake, O wind of heaven and bear their sweetest perfume through the air: stir up, oh South, the boughs that bloom, till the beloved master come: That he may come, and linger yet among the trees that he has to set; that he may evermore be seen to walk amid the springing green.

SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY

Psalms 8

(see jacket)

Leader: The Word of God. **All: For the People of God.** Leader: Thanks be to God.

Grounded Sermon Series: Part 1

SERMON

"God of Dirt, Water, Sky"

A CREED OF BELIEF

One: We believe in God;

**ALL: Who is older than eternity, and younger than our next breath;
Who is beyond describing yet knows us all by name;
Who inspires faith yet cannot be contained by mere religion.**

One: We believe in Jesus Christ, flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone;

**ALL: He came in the body to give worth to every human life.
He touched the untouchable, loved the unlovable,
Forgave the unforgivable and endured slander, persecution and death
In order that through suffering love
God's kingdom might come on earth.**

One: We believe in the Holy Spirit,

**ALL: Who leads us into truth and freedom,
Who gives good gifts to all God's children;
Who inspires research, enables prayer,
And wills that human economics and politics should prioritize justice,
Care of the Earth, and the healing of the nations.**

One: We celebrate the potential of the Church,

**ALL: The shared life we have in this place, in this time,
The yearning in our souls, the desire to broaden this circle,
The promise of good things in store for those who follow God's ways.
May it be so. Amen.**

WELCOMING OUR NEWEST MEMBERS *Today we welcome Diana Lett and Tyler Bevier.*

SHARING THE GIFTS OF TREASURE AND COMMITMENT

Offertory Hymn "Praise the Source of Faith and Learning"

No 2004

*Doxology for Today

No. 62

**All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, O praise ye!
Alleluia! O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam! O praise
ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Prayer Over the Gifts

GOING FORTH IN JOY

*HYMN OF GOING OUT

"We Are Called"

No. 2172

*BLESSING

(adapted from Wendell Berry)

One: Love this world. And also Love the Lord. Work for nothing, sometimes.

ALL: Love someone who does not deserve it.

Plant sequoias, even when you know life is brief.

Be joyful, though you have considered the facts.

One: And practice resurrection while moving through this world.

Go in the peace of Christ.

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"God is Good"

Grier and Everson

*POSTLUDE

"And the People Respond: Amen"

Dan Locklair

Meggie Snyder, organ