

Creation Care Sunday — April 27, 2025

Preparing our Hearts

Thank You Lord God With Us

Welcome and the Life of the Church

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Centering Ourselves for Worship (adapted from Psalm 104)

A Prayer for Creation Care and 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.

Scripture Lesson Readings from Genesis 1 & 2

Children's Message

— The Congregation Sings, "What does the Lord require of you?"

Passing the Peace of Christ

Sharing our Gifts

Mission Celebration

Preparing Ourselves to Hear the Word Proclaimed God Is Able

Scripture Lesson John 20:19-31

Sermon Rev. Jeanie Barnes

Being Sent out into the World

Redeeming King

Declaration of Faith — The Apostle's Creed

Charge & Benediction

We worship God — with our voices, with our instruments, with our movement, and with our contemplation, we come to this place to recenter God in our lives. Our singing, clapping, laughter, and introspection all seek to glorify God.

We pray — whether in unison or in private, in gratitude or in petition, in discernment or in inspiration, we lift our prayers to God, trusting that in God's faithfulness, God hears us, understands us, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, meets us in our prayers.

We gather around God's Word and the Sacraments — we assert the authority of Scripture, its inspiration, and its invaluable role in expressing God's love for the world by articulating God's redemptive work through Jesus Christ. We centralize the Communion Table and Baptismal Font to recall the means in which we may experience God's grace and to carry forward the traditions of the ancient Church.

We *proclaim* the Gospel of Jesus Christ — whether in music, readings, prayers or preaching, we lift up the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We value children — Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." We desire to provide for children in a variety of ways, both in and outside of the worship spaces. Families are encouraged to discern what's right for you in whatever season you are journeying through.

Following the Children's Message, children entering PreK3-1st grade are invited to Covenant Hall 101 for Godly Play (a supervised sharing of the bible story and snack).

The Prayground is open to all young children who desire to remain in worship—worshipping with us, offering to God the art they create, the friendships they make, and the energy they share with all of us.

Children 2nd grade and older are invited to remain in the worship spaces.

We are the Church inside and outside of these walls — as disciples of Jesus, we desire to fortify our faith and to be in encouraged by our worship together. Once nurtured and restored in worship, we are called to live out our faith in the world. So we are sent out to be Christ's ambassadors of his peace, love, and compassion, serving all those we encounter.

Leading in worship today:

Musicians — Music Dir. Roger Sullins, Art Mickelson, Jeff Jinks, Austin Figler Technicians — Michael Prichard, Yvonne Woods, Bob Fjellin Video & Production — Beth DeBevoise, Scott Wilson Pastors —Revs. Jeanie Barnes, Kenny Hubbell

We're grateful that you're here!

We consider worship a time to gather as the family of God. We carry to this place all of life's joys and challenges, sharing with each other and supporting one another as we go. While it takes time to feel connected to each other and sometimes longer to feel connected to God, we hope that this will be a community where you will feel encouraged, taught, and inspired to know and show God's love.

