

Order of Worship for 4/25/21

10am CST

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The beautiful flowers today are from Bob Hardin, in honor of Evelyn, his first great-great-granddaughter, who celebrated her 1st birthday on April 24th.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Praise is due to you, O God in Zion.
You are the hope of all the ends of the earth.

**Many: By your strength you established the mountains.
You silence the roaring of the waves.**

One: You alone can silence the tumult of the peoples.
All the world stands in awe of your works.

**Many: You visit the earth and water it, enriching it.
The river of God is full of clear water.**

One: You provide the people with grain as you have prepared it.
You water the furrows of grain with soft showers, blessing its growth.

Many: The pastures of the wilderness overflow, meadows are clothed with flocks. The valleys filled with grain shout and sing together for joy.

-Adapted from Psalm 65

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth
#473 Presbyterian Hymnal

1.
For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

2.
For the wonder of each hour Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise

3.
For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight,

Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise

4.

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise

5.

For Thy church that evermore Lifteth holy hand above,
Offering up on every shore Her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, creator of all that is, help us to be mindful of the earth and all its resources. Help us to remember the love you have for creation, the willingness you have for all creation to be redeemed. Cause us to repent of our neglect for your earth, and move in us to repair the damage we and previous generations of humanity have caused. As we repent, make us true stewards of your creation. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

It is God's will that all creation will be redeemed. We believe that God will provide for that redemption. As we repent of our misuse of creation, we commit to being a part of God's plan for the health and well-being of this world. God has promised that those who truly repent will be forgiven.

Children of God, you can be assured of your pardon.

All: Thanks be to God

Hymn of Response

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks
#106 Presbyterian Hymnal

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.

1.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation *Refrain*

2.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain*

3.

We have been crucified with Christ,
Now we shall live forever. *Refrain*

4.

Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior. *Refrain*

**First
Scripture Reading**

Psalm 23

Anthem

Psalm 23
Hal Hopson

**Second
Scripture Reading**

Matthew 7:24-27

Sermon

“Build Strong to Withstand Life’s Storms”
Rev. Ron Wipf

Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
#404 Presbyterian Hymnal

1.
Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

2.
When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near;
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I fall;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home

Offertory Call

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn

God of the Sparrow
#272 Presbyterian Hymnal

1.
God of the sparrow God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise

2.
God of the earthquake God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save

3.
God of the rainbow God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks

4.
God of the hungry God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life

5.
God of the neighbor God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace

6.
God of the ages God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

Benediction

Closing Hymn

May You Run and Not Be Weary

#2281 Sing the Faith Hymnal

May you run and not be weary.
May your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary.
May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home.

Postlude

Blessing

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