



APRIL 24, 2022

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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2nd Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Barbara Buckley

PRELUDE

Let All Things Now Living

Michael Bedford

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 104:31-34)

Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever!

People: O Lord, we rejoice in all your works.

Leader: You look at the Earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

People: We will sing to the Lord as long as we live;

All: We will praise God while we have our being.

***HYMN NO. 17**

Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!

Wie Lieblich Ist Der Maien

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

Mindy Douglas

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Faithful God,
we have sinned.**

**We have caused the extinction of species,
of cultures, of language,
and turned our backs to your goodness and each other.**

**We continue to err,
ignoring those who hold wisdom about our earth,
pushing them to fragile places and infertile lands.**

**We sacrifice sustainability for comfort
and the future for today.**

**We assume that everything will adapt,
that nature will right itself,
that we don't have to change.**

**In our darkness, help us find courage
to grow in understanding of ourselves, each other,
and our blessed Earth.**

**In our mistakes, help us find wisdom
to change our ways and make things right.**

**In our guilt and fear, help us find freedom
to live simply, speak bravely, and act justly.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

** Those who are able, please stand.*

***THE PEACE**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

David Smith

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray.
All: **Eternal and Gracious Creator,
we come to you this day,
each with different stories, different pains
asking for your blessing and your wisdom.
Guide our hearts and minds into stillness
as we seek to hear your voice.
In the sounds of this worship,
and the silences in between,
let us grow in the wisdom held by you, O Lord.
Let us grow in the wisdom held by the Earth,
by each other. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 104:1-13

(Pew Bible, OT Page 554-555)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

REFLECTION

David Smith

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 104:14-23

(Pew Bible, OT Page 555)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

REFLECTION

Barbara Buckley

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 104:24-30

(Pew Bible, OT Page 555)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

REFLECTION

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

**We believe that God creates all things,
renews all things, and celebrates all things.**

**We believe Earth is a sanctuary,
a sacred planet filled with God's presence,
a home for us to share with our kin.**

**We believe that God became flesh and blood,
became a part of Earth,
a human being called Jesus Christ,
who lived and breathed and spoke among us,
suffered and died on a cross,
for all human beings, and for all creation.**

**We believe that the risen Jesus
is the Christ at the core of creation
reconciling all things to God,
renewing all creation, and filling the universe.**

**We believe the Spirit renews life,
groans in empathy with the suffering,
and waits with us for the rebirth of creation.**

**We believe that with Christ we will rise,
and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation.**

***HYMN NO. 713**

Touch the Earth Lightly

Tenderness

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Mindy Douglas

Invitation to the Offering

(Hunger for Change Offering is received today)

Prayer of Dedication

**Generous God,
you have blessed us with the resources
to share the good news of your love for all creation.**

**We dedicate these gifts and pray
that they may bring healing, wholeness,
and hope to the world,
that future generations may also know
your graciousness and love. Amen.**

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

Mark Schweizer

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies:
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*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:
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For your Church that evermore lifts holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore, her pure sacrifice of love:
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Mindy Douglas

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mindy Douglas

(Following the Prayers of the People we will join in a responsive Lord's Prayer.)

People: Our Father who art in heaven

Leader: You are also at home in the air, soil, forests, and oceans.

People: Hallowed be your name

Leader: by the care we take of your creation.

People: Your kingdom come

Leader: all that you see is good.

People: Your will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven.

Leader: Your will is to till and care.

People: Give us this day our daily bread

Leader: that all may have enough to live life in fullness.

People: Forgive us our debts

Leader: our greed, our exploitation, our lack of concern for other species and for future generations

People: as we forgive our debtors

Leader: by reconciliation with justice and peace.

People: Lead us not into temptation

Leader: the temptation to equate dominion with exploitation.

People: And deliver us from evil

Leader: the evil of destroying your gift of creation.

People: For yours is the kingdom

Leader: Yours, Lord

People: the power and the glory

Leader: in the cross and resurrection

People: for ever and ever.

Leader: You are the beginning, and you are the end.

All: Amen.

***HYMN NO. 20**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Royal Oak

***BENEDICTION**

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

***POSTLUDE**

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Wilbur Held



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

As we celebrate our 150th Church Anniversary on May 1st, we're grateful for those already helping to plan the celebration and we need a few more hands to ensure that the day goes smoothly.

Please check out this sign-up genius and see if you can share some of your time to help make this day special.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D49A9AC29A75-help>



Welcome! Let us know you have joined us for worship by scanning this QR code.

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship here. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that we may better know each other, please sign the ***Ritual of Friendship pad***, pass it along the center pew across to the shorter side pew, and then **return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you. On April 17, 2021 we joined us for in-person worship and 35 households watched the live-streamed broadcast.

The ***flowers*** are given to the glory of God in memory of ***Crafton*** by ***Margaret, Tom, Neel*** and ***John Keller***.

Nursery care for infants through 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Christian Education Building. There is a changing table in the narthex, located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

Worship bags are available in the foyer for children. Books are on the pews in the narthex which young children can read and enjoy if they need to take a break from the worship service.

Hearing Assistance Receivers are available from the ushers. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle or return to an usher.

Our ***Paschal Candle and stained Red Oak Stand***, crafted by Marklin Candle Design of Contoocook, New Hampshire and given in memory of ***Elder Ed Kwon***, was originally dedicated on April 30, 2017. This candle stands as a visible sign of God's enduring presence in our beautiful century-old sanctuary. Rooted in Passover (Pesach) and adopted by early Christians, the lit Candle represents the Risen Christ's triumph over darkness and death, his resurrection, to become the Light of the World. The beeswax candle is inscribed with a Cross, an *alpha* and *omega*, symbols attesting to Christ's presence among us now and always. Traditionally, the Candle, reminding us that we are preeminently an Easter People, is lit during worship services throughout the fifty days of Eastertide from Easter to Pentecost, as well as at Baptisms where it signifies that we are crucified and resurrected with Christ, and at funerals and memorial services where it visually proclaims Paul's message in Romans 6: 3-4 that "all of us who have been baptized into Jesus Christ ... have been buried with him ... into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead ..., so we too might walk in newness of life."

Portions of today's liturgy are taken from *Church of England Creation Care Prayers, Season of Creation* (www.seasonofcreation.com), *Web of Creation* (www.webofcreation.org), *KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives*, and *Iona Abbey Worship Book*.

Many thanks to ***John Fricks, Jody Maxwell, and Keith Rokoske*** for their technical assistance with our live broadcasts of worship on Sunday mornings.

Restrooms are in the narthex (to the left and right as you exit the rear of the sanctuary), on the second floor of the education building, and on the first and second floors of the church house.

Childcare: A staffed nursery and children's playroom are available on the second floor of the education building during worship.

Large print worship bulletins are available from the table as you enter the sanctuary from the foyer.

Worship activity bags are available in the foyer for children to use during worship.

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Our Concerns and Celebrations

Condolence:

The love and concern of the congregation are extended to the family of *Carol McKnight*, FPC member who died April 18. The family plans to hold a memorial service at a date and time to be announced.

This Week of Concerns:

Wes Carson is recovering at The Forest at Duke Health Center.

Roger Kalthoff, husband of Jane Williams, at home under the care of hospice

<i>Paul Cornsweet</i>	<i>Harold Dunlap</i>	<i>Kerry Holbrook</i>	<i>Maxie Honeycutt</i>
<i>Jancy Johnstone</i>	<i>George Kafula</i>	<i>Mitzi Lesher-Thomas</i>	<i>Katy Loebrich</i>

Care Communities:

Dubose Center at The Cedars, Chapel Hill: *Arthur Clark*

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: *Phillip Herndon*

Hillcrest Convalescent Center: *Julian Boswell, Maxie Honeycutt, Jim Wolfe, Walter Chambliss* (Will Chambliss' dad)

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

Bob Barton, father of Cheryl Barton Henry and father-in-law of Andy Henry

Greer & Jenn Brown, friends of Logan Tice

John Carter, brother of Conrad Carter

Nicky Clegg, granddaughter of Jeanne Hervey

Tom Cotton, friend of Michael Honeycutt

Mimi Cummings, mother of Drew Cummings

Grace, Chris James' great-niece

Doc and Theresa Huntley, parents of Lesley Curtis

David Jackson, friend of Linda & Conrad Carter

Vivian Mast, friend of Josh Walters

Rosalind Mbugua, sister of Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett

Aaron Pritchard, friend of Kathy Parkins

Larry Purtzenski, stepfather of Katy Loebrich

Richard Smith, husband of Laura Casteel's co-worker

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

John Wakefield, cousin of Vernon Neece

Deb Walsh, friend of Celia Dickerson

Janice Faye West, mother of Randy Lang Howard

Chris Wood, stepfather of Sharon Hirsch

Congratulations!

Sam Miglarese has been selected as the 2022 Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation Award staff/faculty recipient. The award is sponsored by the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation to perpetuate the characteristics of integrity and service exemplified by Sullivan, a New York lawyer and philanthropist who died in 1887. Duke bestows the award each year to one student and one faculty or staff member.



FPC Celebrating 150 Years

PLEASE JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY!

Sunday, May 1 will be the final day we will celebrate the church's sesquicentennial anniversary.

We will use the communion cloth and paraments that were commissioned for this very occasion for the very first time.

The 150th Anniversary Committee has planned other activities for this day, including lunch (no cost) in the courtyard and in Watts-Hill Hall.

Please remember to make a meal reservation for your household.

Send an email to: meal@firstpres-durham.org or call the church office (919-682-5511 x 217) by April 25.

Afghan Refugee Resettlement Fundraiser

FPC T-Shirts & Hats
Designed by FPC Youth:

- ✓ All proceeds go to FPC's Afghan refugee resettlement ministry.
- ✓ Hats - \$25
- ✓ Shirts - \$25
- ✓ Custom Ink (separate) links on church website.
- ✓ Runs through April 26.
- ✓ Your spring wardrobe isn't complete without them.

First Presbyterian Church - Love in the Heart of Durham

The Cardinal: NC's State Bird

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Support FPC Youth's Fundraiser for Afghan Refugee Resettlement

If you loved your FPC socks or mask last year, wait until you see these t-shirts and hats.

Designed by FPC youth, these hats and shirts are being sold by the Youth Ministry Committee, with funds from sales will go to help First Presbyterian Church sponsor refugee families resettling here in Durham.

Shirts (*Love in the Heart of Durham FPC Shirts Custom Ink Fundraising*) and hats (*Fabulous FPC Hats Custom Ink Fundraising*) are \$25 each.

(Note that there are separate links for ordering each.) Unlike last year, hats and shirts will be available for pick up at the church. **The fundraiser closes on Tuesday, April 26, so order ASAP.**



**SONAM Spring Concert for
Urban Ministries of Durham**

Singers of New and Ancient Music (SONAM) is back!

Please join them for their first concert since January 2020!

**Tuesday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m.
in the sanctuary of FPC**

All proceeds will benefit Urban Ministries of Durham and their mission offering food, shelter, and a future to those in need around the Durham community. The concert will feature music about turning sorrow into joy, including works by Byrd, Palestrina, Schütz, Rachmaninoff, and more.

Don't worry, these are just the *first* of spring pop-up opportunities.



- **Saturday, April 30 – 8:00 a.m. Bird Watching**
with David and Judy Smith.
- **Saturday, May 14 – 10:00 a.m. Intro to Yoga** at Rigsbee Shelter at Duke Forest with Franz Rokuske.
- **Monday, May 23 – 6:00-8:00 p.m. Duke Chapel Organ Crawl**
with Kathy Parkins.

None of these your thing? Keep your eyes open for more opportunities around music and trivia!

Have a hobby or interest *you'd* like to share? Willing to 'host' a hike on your favorite trail? Have the best backyard for s'mores or a campfire? Looking for some company to wander Duke Gardens? Contact Mitzi Leshner-Thomas about creating/hosting a spring pop-up!

Go here to see details and to sign up to participate in a pop-up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D49A9AC29A75-first>



**Women's Voices Chorus
Spring Concert**

**Sunday, May 1, 2022
4:00 p.m. in the FPC Sanctuary**

This concert illuminates the inevitability of life challenges while celebrating overcoming fear with courage, adversity with resilience, and uncertainty with action.

Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$7 for children and students. Masks and proof of vaccination or negative COVID test result are required for admission table. Purchase tickets from WVC's website: womensvoiceschorus.org and pick up at FPC (will call).

FPC members can reserve a complimentary ticket by contacting Kathy Parkins by April 25.

Our blood supplies in area hospitals are at a critical level again. Donors urgently needed!

FPC is holding another blood drive . . .

**Thursday, May 5, 2022
1:00-6:00 p.m.
Watts-Hill Hall at FPC.**

Go online to RedCrossBlood.org and use code **firstpres** or use the **RAPIDPASS donor App** to save time! Information about donating blood can be found in the church foyer or contact **Julie Whiddon** at 919-730-6673.

We have many slots to fill. Invite neighbors, friends, and co-workers to come and donate blood!

Walk-ins are also welcome.



Upcoming (and on-going!) Fellowship Opportunity

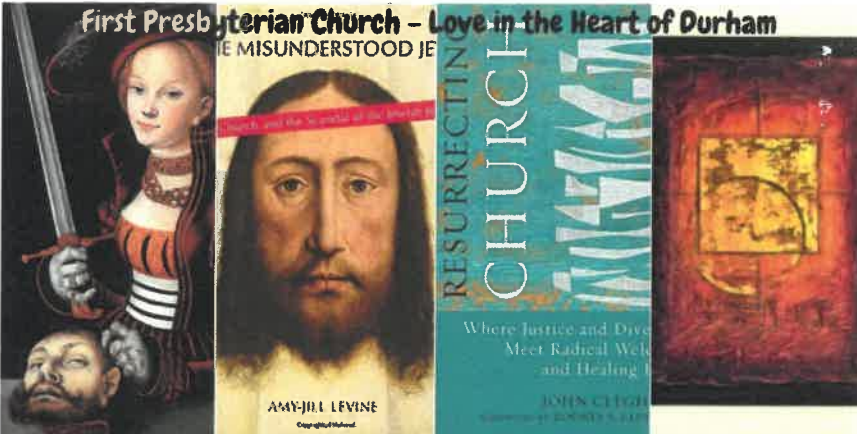
May 19th from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Each third Thursday of the month members and friends of FPC gather for a relaxed time of fellowship. No RSVP needed, all ages welcome, light munchies provided and more food available from J. Lights Market & Cafe if you want to make it your dinner or enjoy Two Roosters Ice Cream for dessert! Someone from FPC will always be there so come when you can, leave when you must.

Coordinator and Office Volunteers Needed

The church is beginning to open up as pandemic numbers trend in a positive direction. As a result, we would like to allow our community support groups (Al-ANON, Overeaters Anonymous and AA) to return in the weekday. We now need morning office volunteers to monitor entry into the building and answer the phone. We are also in need of someone to coordinate our pool of office volunteers.

Please contact Valerie in the church office if you would like to serve a morning shift, (9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.) one or more mornings of the week, or the Friday afternoon shift (1:00-4:30 p.m.). Orientation to duties is available.



First Presbyterian Church - Love in the Heart of Durham

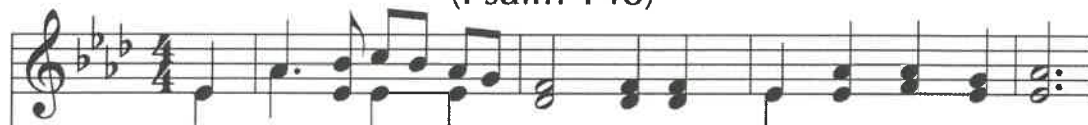
Adult Faith Formation in Eastertide

Sundays, April 24-May 22, 9:45 am (except MNM - 8p)
Classes will have their own singular topic over 5 weeks...

Lectionary - Hebrew Bible Apocrypha
Faith & Community - Robert Brawley teaches The Misunderstood Jew
Journeys - Resurrecting Church
Meaning in the Middle (8 pm) - Preaching the Luminous Word

Sing Praise to God, You Heavens! 17

(Psalm 148)



1 Sing praise to God, you heav-ens! Sing praise, each shin-ing light!
2 Sing praise, O earth, sing prais-es! Sing prais-es, hill and plain,
3 Sing prais-es, all you crea-tures in whom God takes de-light:
4 Sing prais-es now, God's peo-ple; your gift of speech em-ploy



Sing, plan-ets in your or-bits; sing, stars all burn-ing bright!
you moun-tains thrust-ing sky-ward, you val-leys ripe with grain!
you whales that roam the o-ceans, you ea-gles in your flight!
to praise the Lord, your Mak-er, with thank-ful-ness and joy!



Sing praise, you winds and tem-pests, you driv-ing rain and snow!
Sing praise, each fra-grant flow-er; your fair-est hues dis-play.
Sing praise, you sheep on hill-sides, you cat-tle in the stall!
Sing with the whole cre-a-tion; a cos-mic cho-rus raise:

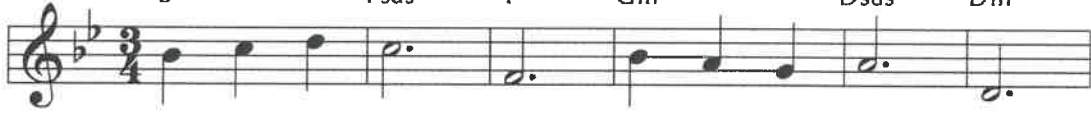


Sing, clouds that race and bil-low and shad-ow earth be-low!
Sing praise, you trees of au-tumn in glow-ing, glad ar-ray!
Though word-less, sing your prais-es to God who made you all!
"To God a-lone be glo-ry and ev-er-last-ing praise!"



713 Touch the Earth Lightly

Capo 3: (G) (Dsus) (D) (Em) (Bsus) (Bm)
 B^b F^{sus} F Gm Dsus Dm



1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
 2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
 3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
 4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,

(C) (D7) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
 E^b F7 B^b Cm7 F^{sus} F



nour - ish the life of the world in our care:
 a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
 wa - ter that bless - es and air that is sweet,
 God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,

(G) (Dsus) (D) (Em) (Bsus) (Bm)
 B^b F^{sus} F Gm Dsus Dm



gift of great won - der, ours to sur - ren - der,
 we who would fos - ter clouds of di - sas - ter,
 health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
 teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,

(C) (G) (Em) (Am7) (D) (G) (G)
 E^b B^b Gm Cm7 F B^b B^b



trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
 re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
 us - ing us gent - ly and mak - ing us one.

20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

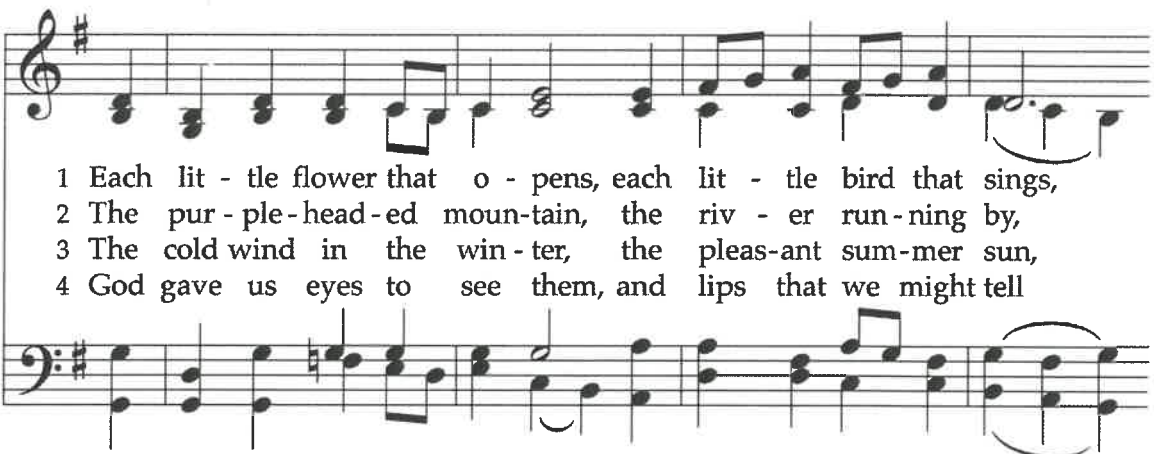
Refrain



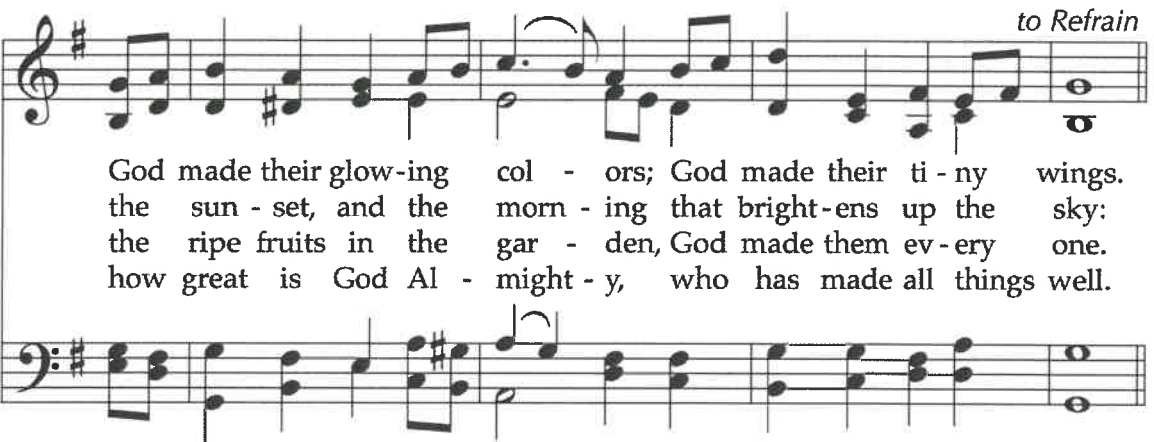
All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won-der - ful, the Lord God made them all. *Fine*



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well. *to Refrain*

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p> <p>12:30 – 2:30 PM New Officers' Training (Lunch included; in Watts-Hill Hall)</p>	<p>Monday, April 25</p> <p>1:00 PM Plan Worship</p> <p>2:00 PM Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM Session Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM Women's Voices Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Tuesday, April 26</p> <p>No Book Study</p> <p>11:30 AM Daytimers Luncheon at Bullock's Barbeque</p> <p>7:30 AM SONAM in Concert (Fundraiser for Urban Ministries-mask required)</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 27</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p> <p>No Book Study</p>
<p>Thursday, April 28</p>	<p>Friday, April 29</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p>Saturday, April 30</p> <p>8:00 AM Bird Watching with David and Judy Smith at Brumley Nature</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, May 1</p> <p>9:45 AM Faith Formation Classes for Children, Youth and Adults</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship and Communion 150th Anniversary Luncheon after worship. The meal will be available outside in the courtyard and indoors in Watts-Hill Hall.</p> <p>4:00 – 5:30 PM Middle and High School Youth</p> <p>4:00 PM Women's Voices Chorus Spring Concert in the FPC Sanctuary (Ticket & mask required along with proof of vaccination)</p>	

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
 Lenore Champion, Children's Ministry Director
 Vernon Cooper, Sexton
 Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff
 Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate
 Omar Guess, Sunday Morning Sexton

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STAFF**



Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus
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