



PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All People



A Dying Earth

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April 27th, 2025 | Worship 10 am

EARTH CARE SUNDAY

Second Sunday of Easter

First Time Here? Thank you for coming!

Please pick up a Welcome Bag in the narthex. Please join us for fellowship & coffee in Bowen Hall after service today.

Assistance needed?

Large print bulletins, a hearing loop and hearing assist devices are available from the sound system tech.

Tip for the Service

*Asterisk means please stand if able.
The **BOLD** is spoken by the congregation.

Children with you?

Activity materials for young worshipers are in the entry way and the kids table in the back of our Sanctuary. Sunday school begins after the Gathering of the Children in the worship service.
Cry Room open at back of church, please ask an Usher.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Lo He Comes with Clouds Descending" John F. Wade

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION-Earth Care

Rhonda Darrow

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

"I Love to Tell the Story"
Bellissimo

Bill Ingram

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen indeed!

Come, let us dwell in God's shelter.

Let us dwell in God's work of art.

The Earth is the Lord's, and God's Earth is our home.

We live in God's World; we are not alone.

We share this life with the heavens and the earth,

With the waters and the land,

With trees and grasses,
With fish, birds, and animals,
With minerals and creatures of every form,
And with all our brothers and sisters in the one family of God.
God is good and everything God makes is good.
Let us take care of the earth and all of God's creation.
Let us worship God!

*HYMN #20 "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Cecil F. Alexander

Refrain:

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

1. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings. [Refrain]
2. The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky: [Refrain]
3. The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one. [Refrain]
4. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. [Refrain]

PRAYER FOR THE EARTH AND HER PEOPLES Norm Smith
God of joy, your sheltering wings enfold the whole earth, and we abide in
the shadow of your love.

We give thanks for this earth that provides the nest for our human family - a world of abundant resources, a place where all might find shelter and sustenance. We acknowledge with sorrow that all do not share equally in these resources, and we pray for brothers and sisters in the human family who are in need. Forgive our neglect of what you have entrusted to us as stewards. Give us resolve to care for this Earth, that all may know the joy it can bring.

Your holy word proclaims good news; those who sow in tears will reap in joy. In this Easter season, may we be a people of purpose, giving freely because you have given yourself to us, so that we all may joyfully live in harmony with the earth and one another. May we serve those who hunger, those who need shelter from chaos: the refugee and those who are considered aliens, may we help them abide in safety. May joy come this morning for all of creation. **Amen**

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION (responsively)

God declares the creation good. We are among God's creatures, and humbled that God calls on us to preserve the ocean and keep the earth healthy. With hope and inspiration to answer that call, we place our trust in God to show us the way.

Through the love of Jesus Christ, we can be a healing force for the world!

CALL FOR OFFERING

Jim Taylor

OFFERTORY "Come Holy Ghost, God, and Lord" Andreas Armsdolf
(*click to donate*)



*DOXOLOGY #606 AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God, above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN #240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Donald Fishel

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth,

Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 104: 1-25

Nita Pinney

This is the word of the LORD! **Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM

"For The Beauty Of The Earth"
The Chancel Choir

John Rutter

GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN- Chris Rhodes

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 12: 2

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "One Earth, One Home, One Human Family" Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway

*HYMN # 23 "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets" Jane Parker Huber

Verse 1

God You spin the whirling planets, fill the seas and spread the plain,
Mold the mountains fashion blossoms, call forth sunshine wind and rain,
We, created in Your image, would a true reflection be of Your justice, grace, and
mercy and the truth that makes us free.

Verse 2

You have called us to be faithful In our life and ministry. We respond in grateful
worship joined in one community. When we blur Your gracious image, focus us
and make us whole. Healed and strengthened as Your people, We move onward
toward Your goal.

Verse 3

God, Your will is still creating, calling us to life made new. Now reveal to us fresh
vistas where there's work to dare and do. Keep us clear of all distortion. Fashion
us with loving care. Thus, new creatures in Your image, we'll proclaim Christ
everywhere.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jonathan Steele

(adapted from the Book of Common Worship)

"Eternal God, your touch makes this world holy. Open our eyes to see your
hand at work in the splendor of creation, and in the beauty of every human
life. Especially this morning we thank you
for the beauty of green growing things throughout the land . . .

for the sustaining love of family and friends . . .
for the treasure stored in every person . . .
and for the fellowship of faith in your church . . .

Lord in your mercy . . . **Hear our prayer**

We dare to pray for others, God our Savior, claiming your love in Jesus Christ for the whole world, committing ourselves to care for those around us, in Christ's name. Especially this morning we pray: for the hungry who can't find food or clean water, for the people in countries ravaged by strife and warfare . . . especially in the Ukraine, Gaza, and Sudan, for those isolated by sickness or sorrow . . . and those who face death . . . for those from whom we are estranged . . .

for those who cannot find work today . . .

and for those whose work is in Christ's name in every land . . .

Lord in your mercy . . . **Hear our prayer**

Revitalize our spirits with your sustaining love as a reminder that we are called, not to dominance, but to participation, not to extraction but renewing action. Fill us anew with the energy to love as you have called us to love so that we might be part of your healing work in this wounded world. Lord in your mercy**Hear our Prayer**

We know that you hear our prayers, Lord. Listen also now as we join our voices in praying the prayer taught to us by your Son, Jesus, **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, Amen.**

*HYMN #15(vs 1-4) "All Creatures of Our God and King"

St. Francis of Assisi

Verse 1

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 2

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 3

And all ye men of renewed heart,
Now cry aloud and take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
We who long pain and sorrow share,
Praise God and on Him cast our care!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Voluntary III" Richard Peek

References: *Call to Worship and Prayer for Illumination* adapted
from: *Worship in Celebration of Creation In Recognition of Earth Day;*
McCormick Theological Seminary)

PASTOR: Rev. Cynthia Alloway LITURGIST: Jim Taylor

MUSIC: Carol Menke, The Chancel Choir, along with Althea Wright, accompanist

AUDIO VISUAL TECHNOLOGY TEAM : Phil Goede, Damaris Hamilton, DJ Maxwell-Kellam, Josh Lim, Norm Smith, Nico Wycoff

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TODAY!!!! 1-3pm Free Concert!
Harmony of Faiths, Interfaith Musical Celebration.
(see insert for more info)

UPCOMING EVENTS



Fri. May 2nd 5:30-7:30pm PNO- Parents Night Out, open to kids 2-11 yrs

Sat. May 3rd 10am-5:30pm- Volunteering @ the Wine County Century Bike Event

Sat.- May 3rd ***NO Sacred Space in May- we'll return in June!***

Wed. May 14th 7pm Bible Study via Zoom begins

Sun. May 18th 11-1pm **Spaghetti Lunch – GIRL SCOUTS Fundraiser!!!!**

Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread \$15.00 Donation—

Save room for dessert---**DESSERT?- purchase yummy treats-- BOY SCOUTS Fundraiser**

Sun. May 18th Lunch with the PASTOR ! 11:15 Rose Room- *Have you thought about becoming a Church member or want to know more about us???? Please come if you are new to our Church. RSVP to the church office 707-542-4272*

Sat. May 31st 11:30am-2pm **BINGO! BINGO!** \$25.00 for 10 Game cards- Food & FUN! ***Girl Scouts will doing the Food!***

****Spring Fling, May 31st has changed to: Safari Fall Festival- Sept. 27th***

June 7th – 5pm Sacred Space Service- Experiencing The Spirit in a New Way (No May meeting)

VBS- Summer Fun with the Son!- Kids- 4-11yrs, **July 8-10, 5:30-7:30** Reg. OPEN NOW!

Mondays- 10:30-11:30am Stronger Seniors Video Exercise Class- Free