



PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All God's People



Second Sunday of Easter
Earth Day

April 19, 2020 ~Zoom Worship 10 am

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: Althea Wright *"Ten Thousand Angels"* by Ray Overholt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION - Earth Care Congregation certificate & video Guy Cottle

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Jesus Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed!

Just as Jesus appeared before his disciples in his resurrected form still bearing the scars of the crucifixion—

this world is wounded, deeply. Yet there is resurrection and transformation.

We are called to care for creation in its beauty and in its wounded-ness.

The resurrection of Jesus offers hope of new life, for all of creation, and for generations to come.

Our God of creation, fills us with this hope, for in our brokenness we can do nothing apart from God.

Alleluia! Let us worship God!

*HYMN *"The Canticle of the Turning"* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F9QeTmRCpW4>

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Eddie Seamans

Jesus, Redeemer of the World, on this Second Sunday of Easter, help us celebrate our precious earth. Remind us to consider the lost lilies, the disappearing bees and melting glaciers and all the changing climate effects. Teach us not to squander precious resources; help us value habitats: seas, deserts, forests and seek to preserve this world in its natural diversity for generations to come.

Alert us to protect all living creatures being destroyed wantonly for human greed or pleasure. Remind us that the Co-Vid 19 pandemic began with the abuse of exotic animals sold at a market. Help us to value what we have left on this earth after this pandemic is done with us. Teach us to live peacefully as a global community caring for one another big and small, rich and poor. Amen.

*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

Our Loving God, creator of the universe, fills us with love for all creation, for the natural world around us, for the earth from which we come and to which we will return. The Holy Spirit awakens in us energy to work for the preservation of our world; God will help us to restore, remake, and renew our beautiful world.

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! Amen.

OFFERTORY *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qpEbQGsPqHE>

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 8

Guy Cottle

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

This is the Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM: Myles and Dee Andrea Ellis *"Strength for the Journey"* by Michael John Poirier

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *"Love letter from God"*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:19-31

SERMON

"Signs of Life"

Rev. Dr. Cindy Alloway

HYMN *"Don't Fear You Good Earth"*

by Carolyn Gillette

(to the tune: Hymn #463 How Firm a Foundation)

Don't fear, you good earth; now rejoice! Have you heard?

The Lord has created you by his own word.

Don't fear, all you fields for God sends you the rain.

The farms overflow with the wine, oil and grain.

Don't fear, all you creatures who live in the field;

The pastures are rich and they give their full yield.

You creatures, now sing — for the meadows are green;

Around us, good gifts of creation are seen!

O God, as the prophet proclaimed long ago,

You care for your earth and your gifts overflow.

Though sin leads to things that disrupt and destroy,

You work to redeem and to bring life and joy.

*This season, we gather to thank you and say:
O God, you continue to bless us today!
May we who've been blessed by the gifts of your hand
Now care for the water, the air and the land.*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Sisters and brothers in Christ, God invites us to bring our doubts and fears, our joys and concerns, our petitions and praise, and offer them for the earth and all its creatures..... Holy God, you have called us to follow in the way of your risen Son, and to care for those who are our companions, not only with words of comfort, but with acts of love. Seeking to be true friends of all, we offer our prayers on behalf of the church and the world, *(silently)*

Receive these prayers, O God, and transform us through them, that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand not only what you do on our behalf, but what you call us to do so that your realm will come to fruition in glory. Amen.

(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.**

HYMN #22 (vs.1-5)

"God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale"

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!

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!

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!

God of the hungry — God of the sick — God of the prodigal

How does the creature say Care — How does the creature say Life!

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!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Althea Wright *"Etude Op.10 #3"*

by Fryderyk Chopin

Pastor: Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway
Liturgist: Guy Cottle, Eddie Seamans
Music by Althea Wright, Myles and Dee Andrea Ellis

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include in your prayers

- *The family of Norma Cooper, as they mourn her recent passing.
- *The family of Jim Taylor's father, as they mourn his recent passing.
- *The family of Frank Hansen, as they mourn his passing on Feb. 23rd.

Those with Health Issues

Bill Beaumont	Marilyn Hilen	Diane Schuler
Bob Bunting	Janice Holmes	Debbie Seat
Patrick Butler	Vivian Mazeski	Bob Simmons
Peggy Call	The Markus family	Sharon Sorani
Gwen Christiansen	Luu Maxwell	Bob Weber
Doreen Cowden	Jessica Morse	Helen Wikle
Dick Draper	Jeanette Nichols	Betty Witchey-Ryer
Barbara Flannery	Carolyn Kenworthy	Avery Yudice

Those Serving in our Military

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. is stationed at the Joint Air Force Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Ak and serves as a Cardiologist with the Alaska Native Medical Center, Chris Loranger serving in Afghanistan.

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