

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024 Together for the Love of Creation: Earth Week 2024

Preparing for Worship: We celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" by joining other faith communities in Canada to mark Earth Week, as we act, learn and pray "together for the Love of Creation."

Resources for worship today come from the UCC's Earth Day 2024 worship, and Act/Fast: Spiritual Practices for a Climate in Crisis, ed. Alydia Smith. UCRD 2024

We Approach God

Music for Gathering My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (piano)

arr. Mark Hayes

Words of Welcome & Acknowledgment of the Land

Centering

In the name of God, grace and peace be with you.

And also with you.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Que nous vivions près des montagnes ou dans les prairies;

Whether we live near mountains or in the prairies—

We are one in Christ, Nous sommes unis dans le Christ,

Whether our winters are balmy or our summers are cool—

We are one in the Spirit.

Whether we live near the Atlantic, Pacific, or Arctic Ocean or somewhere in the middle—

We are one people: God's people.

Whether we live in urban dwellings, nestled in the suburbs, or surrounded by a rural landscape;

Que nous vivions dans des habitations urbaines, niches dans les banlieues ou entourées d'un paysage rural—

Nous sommes tous appelés à nous aimer les uns les autres et à aimer le monde.

We are all called to love one another, and the world.

In a spirit of unity, caring for each other and the whole of creation—

We are one in Christ. We worship together.

Opening Hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

VU 333

Prayer for Gathering and Reflection

with Anthem: Ubi Caritas Mark Burrows

Time with the Children Earth Week: Act, Learn, Pray (and Play!)

(children continue worship outdoors*)

We Listen for God's Word

Reading from the Christian Testament: 1 John 3:16-24

This is the Good News of God in Jesus Christ, Hallelujah!

Thanks be to God, Hallelujah!

Sermon & Reflection Together for the Love of Creation Rev. Dr. Elisabeth Jones

Song Put Peace into Each Other's Hands MV 173

We Respond to God

Offering Our Time, Talent and Treasure

to continue the ministries of this congregation; and to Act, Learn, and Pray for the love of Creation.

Song of Commitment We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky v.1,3 MV 143

Prayers of the Community

The Lord's Prayer Ecumenical (time of trial)

We Prepare to Serve God in the World

Closing Hymn The Lord's My Shepherd v.1 VU 747

Sending Out with Blessing

(we say to one another:)

Let us go and act, for the care of creation.

Let us go and learn, for the sake of creation.

Let us keep on praying, for the love of creation.

And may the care of God enfold us,

the passion of the Risen Christ embolden us,

and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit empower us, now and forever, Amen.

Postlude This Is My Father's World (piano) arr. Mark Hayes



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