

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2018

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE (Bell Choir) *How Firm a Foundation* Sondra Tucker
Li-Chen Chin, clarinet

INTROIT *God of the Earth, the Sky, the Sea* Duke Street
God of the Earth, the Sky, the Sea, maker of all above, below
Creation lives and moves in you; your present life through all does flow.

*CALL TO WORSHIP Sam Miglarese

Leader: Let the whole creation bless the Lord.

People: **Praise and exalt our God forever.**

Leader: Bless the Lord, you waters above the heavens;
Bless the Lord, sun and moon and stars of the sky.

People: **Bless the Lord, O springs of water;**
Bless the Lord, seas and rivers.

Leader: Bless the Lord, all birds of the air;
Bless the Lord, beasts of the wild, flocks and herds.

People: **Praise and exalt our God forever.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Ellacombe

*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing) Sam Miglarese
Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

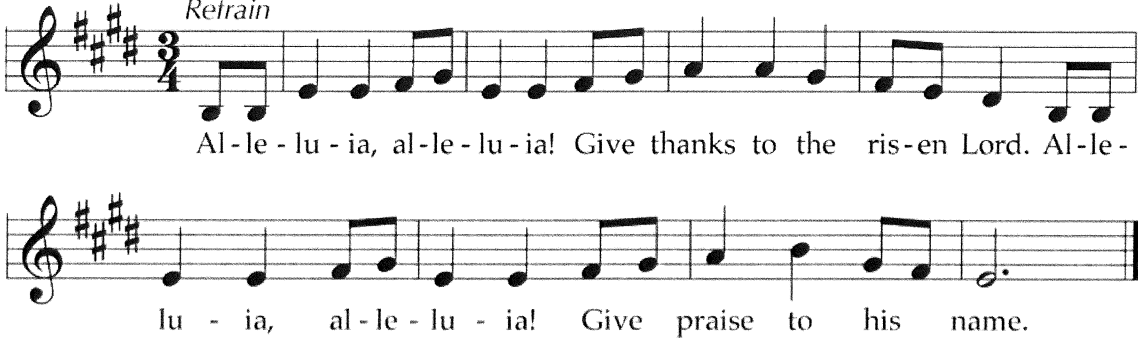
**O God, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen:
You place us in your creation, and you command us to care for it.
Your works declare glory and splendor, and you call us to praise and reverence.
Where we have degraded or destroyed earth's bounty, forgive us.
Where we have taken beauty and majesty for granted, have mercy upon us.
Where we have become estranged from the creatures with whom we share this planet,
heal our brokenness. Renew us in the waters of baptism, refresh us with the winds of
your spirit, and sustain us with the bread of life. In the name of Jesus Christ, and for
the sake of the new creation, we pray.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

* Those who are able, please stand.

Refrain



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Give praise to his name.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Michael Schultz

Leader: The Lord be with you.
 People: **And also with you.**
 Leader: Let us pray.
 All: **Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that nothing may suffer from our abuse, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Psalm 8

(read responsively)

Leader: O Lord our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth; your majesty is praised above the heavens.
 All: **On the lips of children and babies you have found praise to foil your enemy, to silence the foe and the rebel.**
 Leader: When I look at the heavens, the work of your hands, at the moon and stars which you arranged, what are human beings that you should remember them, mere mortals that you should care for them?
 Pulpit side: **You have made them in your own image, and crowned them with glory and honor;**
 Font side: **You have given them responsibility for your handiwork, and put all things under their dominion;**
 Leader: All of them, sheep and cattle, yes, even the savage beasts, birds of the air and fish that make their way through the waters.
 All: **O Lord, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!**

ANTHEM (Bell Choir)

For the Beauty of the Earth

Douglas Wagner

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 17:22-28

(Pew Bible, NT Page 137)

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

SERMON

"The Earth Is the Lord's"

Mindy Douglas

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from *A Declaration of Faith*)

Marilyn Hedgpeth

God created and rules in love. God created all the worlds that are and upholds and rules everything. God made human beings along with all the other creatures and charged them to care for the earth and all that lives on it. We acknowledge we share in the interdependence that binds together all of God's creation. Yet God gives us power to rule and tame, to order and reshape the world.

(Text continues next page)

We hold the earth in trust for future generations of living things. The Lord forbids us to plunder, foul, and destroy the earth. The Lord expects us to produce, to consume, to reproduce in ways that make earth's goodness available to all people and reflect God's love for all creatures. The Lord bids us use our technical skills for beauty, order, health, and peace.

*HYMN (see insert) *Great God, Your Vast Creation* *Thaxted*
(Children through 1st grade enter worship during the hymn.)

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN *Lenore Champion*
(There is no Children's Choir rehearsal following "A Time with Children" today.
Children can remain in worship with their parents or return to the nursery.)

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem *Look at the Earth* *John Rutter*
Look at the world, everything all around us: Look at the world, and marvel every day.
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way.

Refrain: *Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, give us thankful hearts, that we may see:*
All the gifts we share, and every blessing, all things come of thee.
Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain.
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain. (Refrain)
Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.
Everything grows, everything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold. (Refrain)
Every good gift, all that we need and cherish comes for the Lord in token of his love.
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; his is the earth and his the heavens above. (Refrain)

The Hunger for Change offering will be received following the anthem.

*Doxology with Alleluias *Lasst uns erfreuen*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

*THE PEACE *Marilyn Hedgpeth*
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE *Cherrie Henry*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Cherrie Henry and Marilyn Hedgpeth*

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Hymn (see insert, verse 1, all sing) *Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being* *Rustington*
Leader: God of creation, at your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. By your will they were created and have their being. Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Hymn (see insert, verse 2, all sing) *Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being* Rustington

Leader: And so, Maker of all that is, we, who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ your only Son and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. Remembering now Christ's work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, we celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming. Great is the mystery of faith.

All: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Cherrie Henry and Marilyn Hedgpeth

*THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Note: *Gluten/peanut-free bread is served at the station to the right, in front of the lectern.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Cherrie Henry

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **Amen.**

All: **We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your name, now and forever. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 17

Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!

Wie Lieblich Ist Der Maien

*BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

Field and Forest, Vale and Mountain

Hymn to Joy, arr. Wayne Wold

Note to Worshippers: There is an event in the sanctuary later today.

Please recycle your bulletins and pick up inserts, children's drawings, etc. as you exit your pew.

Returning hymnals and Bibles to the pew racks is also very helpful. Thank you.

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 shorterside pew, and then **return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you. On Sunday, April 15, we welcomed 12 visitors to our worship service.

Special thanks to the **Bell Choir** for providing music for today's worship. We would like to thank all those who played with the Bell Choir this year: *Jane Brawley, Kate Busa, Brent Curtis, Graham Curtis, Andrew Hedgpeth, Marilyn Hedgpeth, Mary-Jo Keenan, Jenna Kneepkens, Betsy Robinson, Mary Jo Schlecht, Michael Schultz, Phyllis Supple, Tess Tessier, and Heather Wallace.*

The *flowers* in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of *Bill and Anne Leathers* and *Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Leathers* by *Cathy and Cesar Guajardo*.

Childcare for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. After the sermon is delivered, children ages 3 to 6 join worship for “A Time with the Children” while childcare for infants – almost age 3 continues in the nursery. There is a changing table in the narthex, located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

There is *no Children’s Choir rehearsal* following “A Time with Children” today. Children can remain in worship with their parents or return to the nursery.

Worship bags and activity bulletins are available in the foyer for children. Books are on the pews in the narthex for young children to read and enjoy should they need a break from the service.

Portions of today’s worship texts were reprinted from *Book of Common Worship*, *Book of Common Prayer*, and *A Wee Worship Book*.

LATER TODAY . . .

***I Told My Soul to Sing:
Poems & Musical Settings of Emily Dickinson***

3:00 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary

Join *Lesley Curtis*, soprano, *Deborah Coclanis*, piano, and *Ann Harrison*, reader, for a program of readings and musical settings of the poems of Emily Dickinson. Event is free and open to the public.

**Iglesia Emanuel Transforming and Serving:
Celebrating our Ministries (Dinner/Fundraiser)
Saturday, April 28, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.,**

Iglesia Emanuel is hosting a dinner, prepared by members of their church, which will be held in the fellowship hall of **Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church**. Following the dinner, there will be musical entertainment as well as stories of the unique outreach projects of the church. Although there is no cost for the dinner, it is intended to be a fundraiser to help Iglesia Emanuel expand their ministry in the community, as well as an opportunity for people from various churches to come together in friendship and fellowship. Seating is limited, so if you would like to help support our sister church, please reserve your spot. Contact Margaret Rubiera at margaretmr29@gmail.com.

**CONCERT: Women’s Voices Chorus
Sunday, May 6 – 3:00 p.m. in the FPC Sanctuary**

This concert will feature Artistic Director Allan Friedman's new refugee song, *Miriyam, Maria, and Maryam*, a dramatic piece written in response to the present reality of millions of displaced people around the globe. Accompanied by guitars, oud, percussion, and interpretive dance, with text from Psalms, Rumi, and Hafez, Friedman imagines three women of different faiths as they are swept up in tragic historical events. To purchase advance tickets online, please visit <https://squareup.com/store/womens-voices-chorus/item/may-miriam-mary-and-maryam>. All tickets purchased online will be available for pickup at the ticket table in the lobby on the day of the concert.

Joys and Concerns

Condolences: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to *Susan Seahorn and the family of FPC member Doug Fisher*, who passed away April 13th. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection was held April 18th at FPC. We also extend condolences to the family of *Camilla (Cam) Augusta Fernsler Reinhart* who passed away on February 10, 2018 in Pleasant Garden, NC.

Added this week:

Margaret Sims, long time member, recovering at Hillcrest Convalescence Center – welcomes visitors

Linda High, niece-in-law of Elizabeth High

Maria Holland, daughter of Katy and Bruce Loeblich

Marsha Hussung, sister of Brent Curtis

Clara Iedema, sister of Hendrika Vande Kemp

David Kilpatrick, grandson of Elizabeth High (US Air Force, deployed to Zaragoza, Spain)

Deborah Lawrence, mother of Darlington Hebron

Eric Maina, nephew of Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett and cancer patient at Duke Hospital

Nichola (Nicky) Sampson, sister-in-law of Sue Fricks

Carsey Family

Graham/Seawell/Boyle Family

Lorimer Family

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham): *Julian Boswell*

Croasdaile Village: *Bette Conroy* (Friendship Hall)

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Bob Keever, John Kerr, Bob Rankin, Florence Shackelford*

Dubose Center, Chapel Hill: *Mary Clark*

Pruitt Health at Carolina Point (Durham): *Helen Garrison*

The Forest at Duke: *Fran Bryant, Peaches McPherson*

Family and Friends of Church Members and Staff:

Tom Birchfield, step-father of Wil James

Ching-Chang Chin, father of Li-Chen Chin

Claiborne Clark, son of Arthur and Mary Clark

Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings

Patricia Kost, grandmother of Jack Kost

Ben Johnston-Krase, pastor of Durham's Farm Church

Paul Martin, brother of Beth Neece

Rosemary Orphys, aunt of Kerry Holbrook

Jonathan Pratt, son of Lanny Pratt

Vickie Tobey, niece of Mickey Velkey and cousin of Beth Brockman

Anne Turlington, aunt of Jack Kost

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: *Michael Schultz*

After Worship Greeters: *Brent Curtis* (side/font), *Lenore Champion* (rear/narthex)

Ushers: *Emily Wilkins* (head), *Mary-Jo Keenan* (flowers), *Catherine Dumas*,

John Mozart, Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey, Alec Bethune

Communion Elders:

Head Elder/Replenish elements: *Al Arrowood*

Bread: *Miriam Morey* (B1/process), *Barbara Buckley* (B2), *Libby Gulley* (B3), *Jane Wettach* (B4)

Cup: *Andy Henry* (C1), *Lenore Champion* (C2/process), *Delia Kwon* (C3), *Tyler Momsen-Hudson* (C4)

Shepherds: *Alice Raney* (center aisle), *Jane Williams* (font aisle), *Karen Romines* (pulpit aisle)

The Hunger for Change Offering

First Presbyterian has a long history of involvement in hunger-related mission, most notably Pennies for Hunger and the CROP Walk. In addition, we coordinate volunteers for the Community Kitchen at Urban Ministries of Durham, collect food for the members at Iglesia Emanuel, and the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. Our youth sponsor the annual Souper Bowl of Caring to raise money for hunger-related missions. We also encourage giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing Hunger Offering which funds mission activities related to disaster assistance and hunger programs locally and around the world.

The funds received from our Hunger for Change Offering go to the New Hope Presbytery for the Presbyterian Hunger Relief Program and is divided as follows:

- 50% - International Hunger Relief Programs
- 40% - Local Hunger Programs
- 10% - Administration.

These funds are dispersed through local grants to hunger relief programs based on a grant application process. Urban Ministries of Durham, Presbyterian Urban Ministries and Iglesia Emanuel have been frequent recipients.

If your family committed to saving a **penny**/day each month, you'd be donating about \$0.30 per month or \$3.65 for the entire year. That's not much in the face of the rising need. Save a **nickel**/day, and you can contribute \$1.50 per month. A **dime**/day will generate \$3.00 and a **quarter**/a day will generate \$7.50 per month.

The **FOURTH SUNDAY** of each month is designated to receive the Hunger for Change Offering. Please consider supporting this hunger relief effort with a generous offering.

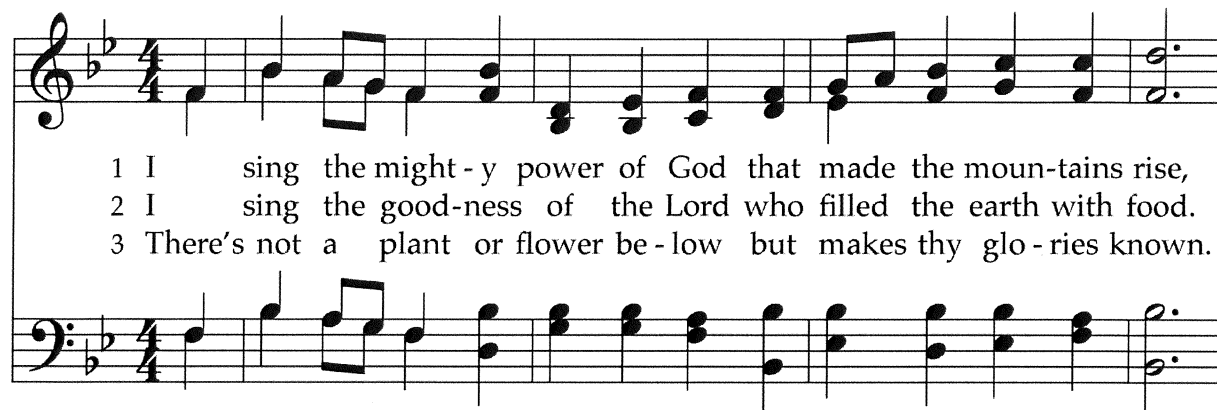


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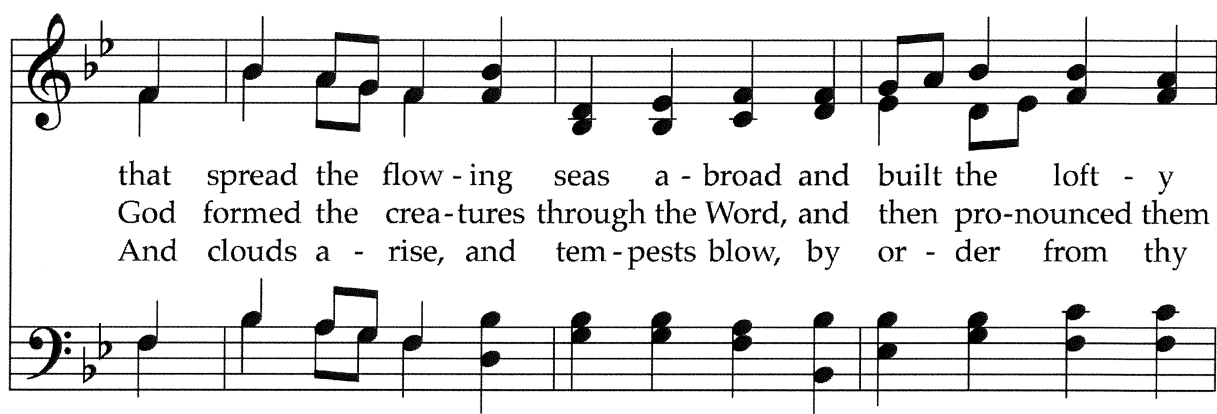
Do you have an old iPod, iPhone, or iPad? Please bring it to church to donate! Your device will be donated to Music and Memory (www.musicandmemory.org) to provide "personalized music" for people suffering from dementia.

Look for the plastic box with the Music and Memory logo in the volunteer's office, or contact Christyn Klinck for more information (cfklinck@gmail.com). Donations accepted through Sunday, May 27.

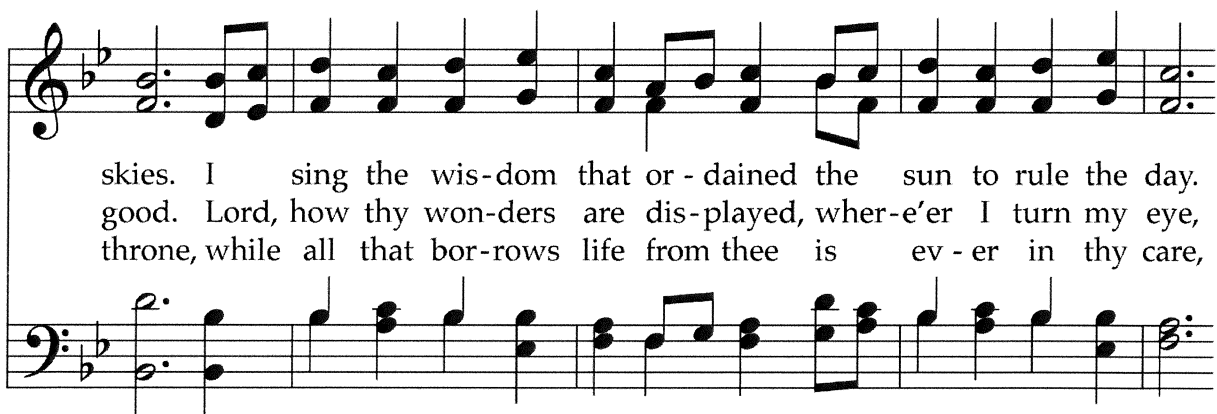
32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



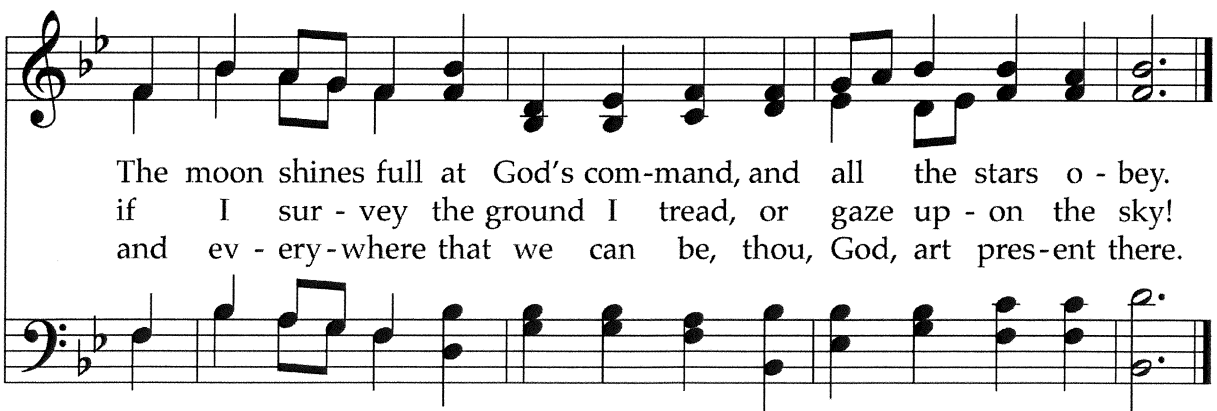
1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

Edith Sinclair Downing

Great God, Your Vast Creation

Gustav Holst
THAXTED



1. Great God, your vast cre - a - tion breaks forth in joy - ous praise.
2. Yet, God, there is pol - lu - tion of wat - ers which were pure.
3. You make us in your im - age; you give us end - less worth.



The crea - tures with e - la - tion their ea - ger voi - ces raise.
Our wills re - sist so - lu - tions: move us to find a cure.
Help us as we en - vis - age the sa - cred - ness of earth.



We hear the vi - brant cho - rus of frogs an - nounc - ing spring.
We grieve the grow - ing ab - sence of crea - tures once held dear.
We would re - claim the treas - ure of rain - bows in clear skies,



The song - birds rise be - fore us and soar on si - lent wing.
More ma - ting calls are si - lenced - those sounds we thrilled to hear.
and seek to save this pleas - ure for chil - dren's won - dering eyes.



We hear the gen - tle lap - ping as rip - ples meet the shore,
Teach us to hum - bly rev - erence all life be - neath the sun.
As we face each to - mor - row, we pray for strength to dare



and sound of waves' loud crash - ing: the might - y o - cean's roar.
A - wake in us a - ware - ness our des - tin - ies are one.
to live as if each spar - row de - pends up - on our care.

Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being!

Fred R. Anderson

C. Hubert H. Parry
RUSTINGTON



1. Bless the Lord, my soul and be - ing! Lord my God, you have such might.
2. May your glo - ry reign for - ev - er. Lord, re - joice in all you make!



Cloaked with hon - or, grand and glo - rious, you are clothed with
As you look on your cre - a - tion, moun - tains smoke, foun -



pur - est light. Stretch - ing out the heavens like tent cloth,
da - tions shake. May these words and thoughts be pleas - ing,



you are cham - bered on the deep. Rid - ing on the
for in you my joy is found. Bless the Lord, my



wings of wind - storm, flame and fire your bid - ding keep.
soul and be - ing! With this song let praise a - bound.

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!"

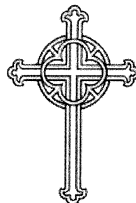


The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p> <p>12:30 – 2:00 PM Newly Elected Officers' Training</p> <p>3:00 PM Concert: Lesley Curtis & Friends</p> <p>5:00 – 6:15 PM Parent's Night Out (for families with young children)</p> <p>Middle School Youth Mystery Day</p> <p>6:00 – 8:00 PM High School Youth at the Henry's home</p>	<p>Monday, April 23</p> <p>6:00 PM Diaconate</p> <p>6:30 PM Joint Officers' Supper with newly elected officers</p> <p>7:00 PM Session (with newly elected officers' examination)</p>	<p>Tuesday, April 24</p> <p>1:30 PM Worship Planning</p> <p>2:30 PM FPC Staff</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 25</p> <p>12 Noon Seniors Spring Luncheon (Gather at 11:30 in the East Parlor)</p> <p>5:00 PM Bell Choir</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, April 26</p> <p>9:30 – 11:00 AM FPC preparing lunch bags at Urban Ministries</p>	<p>Friday, April 27</p> <p>7:45 AM FPC Men of Faith Breakfast at Nosh's Café</p> <p>6:30 PM Primetimers' Covered Dish Supper (at the home of Andy and Ginny Widmark)</p>	<p>Saturday, April 28</p> <p>6:00 – 8:00 PM Iglesia Emanuel Ministry Celebration and Fundraiser (at Trinity Ave PC)</p>	<p>Sunday, April 29 <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i></p> <p>9:45 AM Intergenerational "Earth Day" Sunday School Event / Membership Inquiry Class</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship and Holy Communion</p> <p>1:00 – 3:00 PM Newly Elected Officers' Training</p> <p>5:00 – 8:00 PM High School Seniors Banquet</p>

CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
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Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate
Sarah Finbow, Youth Minister



Marilyn Hedgpeth, Associate Pastor
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