



Clemmons Presbyterian Church

10:00 am Worship Service

Care of Creation Sunday

April 28, 2024



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WELCOME

Leigh Wisner

THE LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION and THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus

Tom Fettke

We Gather Around The Word,

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Earth Prayers by: Gregory Petrov

Kaylee Hilston

One: O Lord, how lovely it is to be your guest.

All: Breeze full of scents, mountains reaching to the skies; waters like a boundless mirror, reflecting the sun's golden rays and the scudding clouds

One: All nature murmurs mysteriously, breathing depths of tenderness.

All: Birds and beasts of the forest bear the imprint of your love.

One: What sort of praise can I give you?

All: I have never heard the song of the cherubim, a song reserved for the spirits above.

One: I have understood how the choirs of stars proclaim your glory.

All: As they move forever in the depth of infinite space.

One: It is a pleasure to be your guest.

All: Glory to you for the feast day of life. Glory to you for the perfume of lilies and roses.

One: Glory to you for each different taste of berry and fruit. Glory to you for the sparkling silver of early morning dew.

All: Glory to you for the joy of dawn's awakening.

One: Glory to you for the new life each day brings.

All: Glory to you O God, from age to age.

*HYMN #664

Morning Has Broken

Eleanor Farjeon

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Written by: Nancy Newhall

We seek a renewed stirring of life for the earth. We plead that what we are capable of doing is not always what we ought to do. We urge that all people now determine that a wide freedom shall remain to testify that this generation has love for the next. If we want to succeed in that, we might show, meanwhile, a little more love for this one, and for each other.

*TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: Since God has opened his heart to us in Jesus Christ,
in Jesus Christ let us open our hearts to each other.
May the peace of God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*Please greet other worshippers with the peace of God,
introduce yourself and offer personal greetings.*

*HYMN #581

Glory Be to the Father

Henry Greatorex

to Hear God's Word,

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (unison)

Mary McElwee

God of our Salvation, your bow in the clouds proclaims your covenant with every living creature. Teach us your paths and lead us in your truth, that by your Holy Spirit, we may remember our baptismal vows and be keepers of your trust with earth and its inhabitants. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 1:28-31

ANTHEM

The Music of Life

Martin

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Kaylee Hilston

Jesus Loves Me

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 8:18-25

SERMON

Leigh Wisner

to Respond to the Word,

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one

community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the

planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *This is My Father's World* Lloyd Larson

*DOXOLOGY #609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Hal Hopson

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (...debts/debtors...)

and to be Sent with the Word.

*HYMN #15 *All Creatures of Our God and King* Francis of Assisi

*BENEDICTION

*THE CHIMES

*Three chimes, for the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
signal the end of our worship and call us forth into a new week of service.*

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune on "Royal Oak"* Craig A. Penfield

*Please stand as you are able.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the **Glory of God** by Kent, Ashleigh, Tripp, Katrina, and Molly Saxton in memory of Bob Saxton on his heavenly birthday.

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Morning Has Broken

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1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

15 All Creatures of Our God and King

Unison

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice
 2 O broth-er wind with clouds and rain, you nur-ture gifts
 3 O broth-er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad-
 4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain

Harmony

and with us sing, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 of fruit and grain. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 ous of the night. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 or sor-row grieve, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Unison

O broth-er sun with gold-en beam, O sis-ter moon
 O sis-ter wa-ter, flow-ing clear, make mu-sic for
 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day un-folds such bless-
 Christ bears your bur-dens and your fears; so, e-ven in

Sometimes called "The Canticle of the Sun," this cosmic roll call allows human beings to give voice to all creation. One of the earliest religious poems in the Italian language, it is made even more expansive by this broad, repetitive melody with interspersed "Alleluias."

Harmony

with sil - ver gleam, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 your Lord to hear. Sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ings on our way, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 the midst of tears, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
 waiting to hush our final breath:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
 fair is the night that leads us home.
 Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
 and worship God with humble heart.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!