

“Nature's first green is gold, her hardest hue to hold. Her early leaf's a flower; but only so an hour. Then leaf subsides to leaf, so Eden sank to grief, so dawn goes down to day. Nothing gold can stay.” ~ *Robert Frost*

* *Please stand in body and/or spirit as you are able*

LET US GATHER

PRELUDE *For the Beauty of the Earth* setting by Charles Callahan

WELCOME to ALL!

*No matter who you are or where you are on your life's journey
you are welcome here!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT *The Lord Is My Song* Taizé

CALL TO WORSHIP (*adapted from Psalm 104*)

L: Power and might and majesty belong to God who created and is creating.

P: **Thanks be to God for God's mighty wonders.**

L: Like the image of the powerful wind, and heavens as a garment, God's majesty is revealed in all creation.

P: **We look around us at the wonders and marvel at the infinite variety and beauty which God has created.**

L: Who are we, that God should pay attention to us?

P: **We are God's beloved children, the stewards whom God has selected to care for God's world.**

LET US PREPARE

***HYMN** *We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky* B 563

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

LET US LISTEN

READING

Genesis 1:28-31

HYMN

Touch The Earth Lightly

B 569

REFLECTION

“Radah”

ANTHEM

Now All The Woods Are Sleeping

H. Isaak/Bach

You are invited into a moment of silence for personal reflection.

LET US RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

B 769

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace.

L: Let the people say...

P: **Amen and Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Deep River* Trad. Spiritual, setting by Charles Callahan

***DOXOLOGY**

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, B17

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia. Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ and Spirit One.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION**

LET US GO FORTH

***HYMN**

This Is My Song

B 591

***BENEDICTION**

***AMEN**

“Sevenfold Amen”

R594

POSTLUDE

Pastorale

Domenico Zipoli

Ministers: **The People**
Pastor: **Rev. Steve Miller**
Guest Pastor: **Margaret Hawthorn**
Minister of Music: **Gene Faxon**
Guest Musician: **Carol Hamilton**
Worship Leader: **Nancy Elder-Wilfrid**
Greeter: **Dan Isaacs**
Ushers: **Lee and Charlotte DeBell**
Setup: **Weltha Barker**
Flowers: **Linda Grant and Jim Reiman**
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Fourth Sunday of Easter
Earth Day

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