

HOPE CHURCH  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
EARTH DAY SUNDAY  
April 23, 2017 ~ 11:00 AM

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE *O Sons and Daughters (O Filii et Fillae)*

arr. J Blersch

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

TRURO

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing, The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.  
Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.

SENTENCES

O God of all gods, eternal Father of life,  
O God of all gods, eternal Mother of love,  
**O God of all gods, eternal Creator of humanity,**  
**O God of all gods, eternal Source of creation:**

we bless you O God of life  
with our whole being.

Thanks be to you for the gifts of life and breath,  
of body and soul, of wonder and faith;

**thanks be to you for each day and night,**  
**each sea and land,**  
**each weather fair, each calm, each wild.**

O God of all the peoples,  
you are the Creator of the skies above  
and the oceans below.

**Your Spirit gives life to all things**  
**and your grace sustains all things.**

All creation proclaims praise  
to the life-giving Spirit;

**praise to you, O Triune God,**  
**with our voices and through all creation!**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN Red #204 *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna*

HYMN TO JOY

\*SALUTATION

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\*Congregation to rise in body or spirit

**Bold type indicates congregational response**

PRAYER OF PRAISE

God of all Creation, we praise you  
for the beauty, extravagance, and integrity of all your creation.  
From you, O God, we and all living creatures draw our breath.  
Through you, O God, our life is held.

**Thank you for your living gifts that delight and sustain us:  
for sun and stars that give to us warmth and light;  
for water that refreshes and cleanses us;  
for the fruitfulness of the earth that nourishes life.**

Redeeming God, as you lure the whole world into salvation,  
guide us by your Spirit  
that we might be not only pilgrims on the earth,  
but pilgrims with the earth,  
journeying home to you.

**Be among us now, sustainer of all life,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to be faithful stewards of all your creatures  
so that all creation will proclaim your glory as You intend.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

RESPONSE Red #18 *Touch the Earth Lightly*  
*stanzas 1-3*

AI HU

LITANY OF GRATEFUL LIVING

For the music of our world,  
the divine song that sings through all creation,  
**God our creator, we praise you.**

**For the beauty of all you have created,  
a mirror of the wonders of heaven,  
God our creator, we praise you.**

For the resounding roar of thunder,  
your awesome majesty revealed,  
**God our creator, we thank you.**

**For a clouded sky splashed with sunset colors,  
a glimpse of heaven's glory,  
God our creator, we thank you.**

**For the refreshing rains  
source of life for the earth,  
God our creator, we praise you.**

**For the fragrance of a rose,  
your sweet perfume of grace,  
God our creator, we praise you.**

For a riotous field of wildflowers,  
God's exuberant laughter unfolded,  
**God our creator, we thank you.**  
For the call to steward your creation,  
to tend your garden and make it flourish,  
**God our creator, we thank you.**  
For the promise of new birth,  
for the gift of resurrection life for all creation,  
**God our creator, we offer our praise and thanks to you.**

RESPONSE Red #18 *Touch the Earth Lightly*  
stanza 4

AI HU

\*THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

*Children ages 3 through grade 5 leave for Children in Worship*

### THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 104

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This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE Red #11 *We Worship You, Whose Splendor Dwarfs the Cosmos*  
stanza 1 with refrain  
stanza 6 with refrain

TIDINGS

THE EPISTLE LESSON 1 Peter 1:3-9

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This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia*

Haugen

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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\*THE GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19-31  
This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia*

Haugen

SERMON *Once You Know the Whole Story*

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ~ *silent meditation*

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH

**This is the good news which we have received,  
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:  
that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,  
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day,  
and that he appeared first to the women,  
then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.  
We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.  
Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;  
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

*1 Cor. 15:1-6; Mark 16:9; Matt. 16:16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28*

LIFE OF HOPE

MINUTE FOR MISSION

CALL TO PRAYER *Sacred Creation*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 6/8 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Sa-cred the land, sa - cred the wa - ter, sa-cred the sky, ho - ly and true,  
Sa-cred all life, sa - cred each o - ther; all re - flect God who is good.

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PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

*Throughout the prayer the following response will be used:*

Lord, in your mercy;

**Hear our prayer.**

*. . . ending with the Lord's Prayer*

**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.**

OFFERING *Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad, and pass it back.*

Offertory *For the Beauty of the Earth*

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth; for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.  
For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light:  
Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.  
For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends of earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.  
For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine, Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n:  
Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

\*Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**praise God, all creatures here below;**

**praise God above, ye heavenly host;**

**\*praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*or Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost, Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN Red #10 *We Sing the Mighty Power of God*

KINGSFOLD

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing (Gelobt Sei Gott)* arr. J. Blersch

Assisting in worship today are Pastor Jill Russell, preaching; Pastor Gordon Wiersma, Peter Boogaart, Dave Myers, Steve Griffore, liturgists; Joe Arevalo, Minute for Ministry; Steve Griffore representing Caring for Creation, crucifer; Pat Bloem, reader; Chancel Choir directed by Brian Carder; and Ruth Keel, guest organist.