

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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John Dillon, Pastor
3rd Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2020 | 10:00

Worship Leaders Today

Message and Prayers: Rev. John Dillon

Music Leaders: Sherri Dees, Anthony Jay Houston, and Scott Iddings

WE GATHER IN GRACE

GATHERING MUSIC: [DOWN TO EARTH](#)

Peter Gabriel

WELCOME

MOMENT FOR MISSION: EARTH DAY

Rick Johnson

PSALM 104:

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

BROTHER SISTER CREATURES

Huge and tiny beings (Huge and tiny beings)
Each one part of our family (Each one part of our family)
Hearing, smelling, seeing (Hearing, smelling, seeing)
Each one part of our family (Each one part of our family)

(Refrain)

Brother sister creatures of the ground
Brother sister creatures of the sea
Brother sister creatures of the air
Oh I love my brother sister creatures

Loud and quiet beings (Loud and quiet beings)
Each one part of our family (Each one part of our family)
Moving, touching, feeling (Moving, touching, feeling)
Each one part of our family (Each one part of our family)

(Refrain 2 times)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Light and Darkness, night and day.

All: We marvel at the mystery of the stars.

Pastor: Moon and sky, sand and sea.

All: We marvel at the mystery of the sun.

Pastor: Twilight, high noon, dusk and dawn.

All: Though we are mortal, we are Creation's crown.

Pastor: Flesh and bone, steel and stone.

All: We dwell in fragile, temporary shelters.

Pastor: Grant steadfast love, compassion, grace.

All: Sustain us, Lord; our origin is dust.

Pastor: Splendor, mercy, majesty, love endure.

All: We are but little lower than the angels.

Pastor: Resplendent skies, sunset, sunrise.

All: The grandeur of Creation lifts our lives.

Pastor: Evening darkness, morning dawn.

All: Renew our lives as we worship this and every day.

(Earth Day prayer from The Rabbinical Assembly of the United Synagogue of America)

HYMN 22: GOD OF THE SPARROW

God of the sparrow

God of the whale

God of the swirling stars

How does the creature say Awe

How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake

God of the storm

God of the trumpet blast

How does the creature cry Woe

How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow

God of the cross

God of the empty grave

How does the creature say Grace

How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry

God of the sick

God of the prodigal

How does the creature say Care

How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbor

God of the foe

God of the pruning hook

How does the creature say Love

How does the creature say Peace

**God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace all that exists with tenderness.

All: Lord, we need your tender mercy.

Pastor: Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.

**All: Forgive us all our wrongdoings
in thought, word and action.**

Pastor: We thank you for being with us each day.

We praise you for washing us clean.

Encourage us to make, not just this morning,
but our whole lives, an act of worship. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: God knows us through and through.

God knows what in us needs to be loved,
needs to be changed, needs to be forgiven.

Rest easy, children of God,

for God knows us and we are loved,

changed, and forgiven by the peace of Christ.

Peace be with you.

All: Peace be with all!

SUNG RESPONSE: LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY GTG 526

**Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken; the wine is poured;
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

(Refrain) **Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

WE GROW IN GRACE

WEE WORSHIP

SPIRIT, OPEN MY HEART

GTG 692

(Refrain) **Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.**

**Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory. *(Refrain)***

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

[1 Peter 1:17-23 and Luke 24:13-35](#)

MESSAGE

["Going for a walk?"](#)

Rev. John Dillon

HYMN 737: LORD JESUS, YOU SHALL BE MY SONG

**Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go:
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.**

**Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.**

**As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.**

**I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.
And with all of the family you saved by your love,
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

music provided by John Morefield

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO IN GRACE

HYMN 247: NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES

**Now the green blade rises
from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth
many days has lain;
love lives again,
that with the dead has been;
love is come again
like wheat arising green.**

**In the grave they laid him,
love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would
never wake again,
laid in the earth
like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again
like wheat arising green.**

**Forth he came at Easter
like the risen grain,
he that for three days
in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead,
my living Lord is seen;
love is come again
like wheat arising green.**

**When our hearts are wintry,
grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us
back to life again;
fields of our hearts
that dead and bare have been:
love is come again
like wheat arising green.**

SENDING

[WE WALK HIS WAY](#)

John L Bell

*We gather in grace, we grow in grace, we go in grace...
The journey continues in an ever-widening circle of grace.*

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