

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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Pastor John Dillon
May 1, 2022 | 10:00 am
3rd Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER IN GRACE

*A “+” indicates all are invited to stand in either body or spirit.
Reminders: Our worship service is being livestreamed and is on Zoom.*

WORDS OF WELCOME

EARTH IS YOURS

Michael Gungor

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth,
and the Spirit breathed life into every being.

All: **God announced that all was very good, abundant and fruitful. Made for our joy and sustenance. Let us praise the Creator of all beauty and life.**

+HYMN 247: NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God, Creator of all, we confess that we have sinned.

All: **We use the earth, not cherish it. We live selfishly, ignoring the delicate balance of life. We are greedy and do not share the earth’s gifts. Forgive us and strengthen our resolve: To never take from creation’s beauty more than we can give. To never wantonly destroy for greed. To never take from your bounty more than we truly must.**

+SUNG RESPONSE: JESUS CHRIST SON OF GOD

John Bell

Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy upon us.

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+ABSOLUTION AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: Forgiveness is God’s nature and when we show remorse and change our ways, we and the earth shall be healed. Jesus Christ offers us a Peace beyond our understanding as free as the air we breathe and present with us now. Share that Peace with stranger and friend and the earth itself. Peace be with you.

+SUNG RESPONSE: WE ARE PRAYING Ben Johnston-Krause
We are praying, Lord, we are praying.
We are praying, Lord, we are praying.
We are men, women, we are children, and Lord,
we are praying.

So let the rains go, let the healing river flow.
Let justice roll like waters.
Let the days begin, when new life enters in,
and let your Kingdom come.

WE GROW IN GRACE

WEE WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 9:1-19a

+GOD OF WONDERS Paul Tate

MESSAGE *“New Sight”* Rev. Brian Sauder

OFFERING: AMAZING GRACE, MY CHAINS ARE BROKEN Chris Tomlin

+DOXOLOGY Crowder

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND 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.

COMMUNION

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: Through this bread and wine God gifts us renewed life.

All: Lord, we thank you for your Living Spirit which brooded over the waters of chaos and brought order. The same Living Spirit which is with us every day gently but powerfully at work within, and around us. Amen.

WE GO IN GRACE

+SENDING

+JUSTICE & MERCY

Matt Redman

ABOUT OUR GUEST PREACHER:

The Rev. Brian Sauder is the President and Executive Director of Faith in Place which is an organization of People of Faith and Justice Protecting Our Earth. To learn more: faithinplace.org

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

MUSIC LEADERS: ANTHONY JAY HOUSTON AND SCOTT IDDINGS

ACCOMPANISTS: ANN LEGG AND MIKE GRISWOLD

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: STEVE CONNELL



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Earth is Yours Michael Gungor

Your voice, it thunders, the oaks start twisting.
The forest sounds with cedars breaking.
The waters see You and stop arriving.
From the depths a song is rising.
Now, it's rising from the ground.

Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord,
the earth is Yours and singing.
Holy, holy, holy, holy, Lord,
the earth is Yours, the earth is Yours.

Your voice, it thunders, the ground is shaking.
The mighty mountains now are trembling.
Creation sees You and starts composing.
The fields and trees, they start rejoicing.

Now, it's rising from the ground.
Now, it's rising from the ground.
Hear us crying out.
Hear us crying out.

Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord,
the earth is Yours and singing.

Holy, holy, holy, holy, Lord,
the earth is Yours,
the earth is Yours, the earth is Yours.

God of Wonders Paul Tate

Lord of all creation,
of water, earth, and sky
the heavens are Your tabernacle.
Glory to the Lord on high!

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your majesty;
You are holy, holy.

Lord of heaven and earth;
Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning,
I will celebrate the light.
And when I stumble in the darkness,
I will call Your name by night.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your majesty;
You are holy, holy.

Refrain:

You've put a new song in my mouth.
It is a hymn of praise to You.
Justice and mercy are its theme
And I will live it back to You.

The kind of fast You've chosen, Lord,
It must reach out
To broken lives and to the poor.
So, change me, Lord.

I know You are the orphan's hope.
I know You are the widow's song.
O Lord, You're showing me what's on Your heart.

Refrain

Lord, I won't bring an empty song.
It's meaningless
Without compassion in my life and holiness.

You're Parent where no parent lives
And to the lonely You're a Friend.
O Lord, you're showing me what's on Your heart.

Refrain

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.

