

April 26, 2026 – 4th Sunday of Easter  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
Earth Day Sunday and Confirmation Sunday

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Introduction and Welcome

Preparation for Worship / Breath Prayer

GATHERING

Prelude

Responsive Call to Worship

The heavens declare the glory of God.

**The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.**

The plants and trees show God's presence.

**Let us join with creation in praising God.**

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

**The world and those who live in it.**

God has founded it on the seas,

**And established it on the rivers.**

Opening Prayer

God of creation, we give thanks for the goodness  
of the earth that you made and sustain.

Our voices join in praise with all creation,  
with the sea that roars,  
the trees that clap their hands,  
and the birds that sing in joy.

Unite us by your spirit.

That we may be signs of your abundant mercy  
and live in thanksgiving for your grace as we wait  
for the completion of your creation in Jesus Christ. Amen.

\*Opening Hymn No. 664 – *Morning Has Broken*

1 Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation; praise every morning,  
God's re-creation of the new day!

**Children's Song** – *Where Children Belong*

**This, this is where children belong,  
welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.  
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:  
this is where children belong.**

**Children's Lesson**

**Children's Prayer**

**Announcement Reminders**

## **CONFESSING**

**Call to and Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon and Passing the Peace of Christ**

## **LEARNING**

**Anthem** – *For the Beauty of the Earth* – John Rutter

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Lesson** – *Acts 2:42-47*

**Sermon**

## **CONFIRMATION AND THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**Presentation of Candidates**

**Introduction and Statements of Faith**

**Presentation for Baptism**

**Questions to the Baptismal Candidate, Sponsor, and Congregation**

**Prayers Over the Water and Baptism**

**Questions to the Confirmation Candidates and Congregation**

**Laying On of Hands and Prayer**

**Welcome with the Presentation of Gifts, Bread, and Certificates**

**Prayers of the People and The Sung Lord's Prayer**

## RESPONDING

### Offering

**\*Doxology No. 606 – *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***  
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.

### \*Offering Prayer

## SENDING

**\*Sending Hymn No. 26 – *Earth and All Stars!***

**1 Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!**  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
God has done marvelous things.  
We too sing praises with a new song!

**2 Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!**  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
God has done marvelous things.  
We too sing praises with a new song!

**3 Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers!**  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Limestone and beams! Loud building workers!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
God has done marvelous things.  
We too sing praises with a new song!

**4 Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!**  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Daughter and son! Loud praying members!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
God has done marvelous things.  
We too sing praises with a new song!

### \*Charge and Benediction

### Postlude

#### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Lora East, Pastor  
Matthew Payton, Liturgist  
Erika Stiner, Director of Children's Spirituality  
Josh Clapp, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries  
Melissa Richard, Clerk to Session  
Christian Carpenter, Media Technician  
Zachary Ridgway, Organist / Pianist  
Keith Martinez, Director of Choral Music  
Tom Williams, Soloist  
David Anthony and Antony, Daivd, & Safira Carpenter, Greeters