



# GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship  
Second Sunday of Easter

Earth Sunday

April 28, 2019

8:50 & 11:05am

*Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please sign and pass the Grace Greetings books at this time.)*

SHARING OUR SONG “All Thing Bright & Beautiful” arr. Vicki Hancock Wright

Celebration! – Lara Schesser, director

Angela Krug, accompanist – Chris Krug, handchimes

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Thank you, Lord, for the people gathering around us today. Let us take this time to give thanks for these things of the earth that give us the means of life.

**ALL: Thank you for the plants, animals, and birds that we use as food and medicine.**

One: Thank you for the natural world in which we find the means to be clothed and housed.

**ALL: Thank you, Lord, for the ability to use these gifts of the natural world.**

One: Help us to see our place among these gifts not to squander them or think of them as means for selfish gain.

**ALL: May we respect the life of all you have made. May our Spirit be strengthened by using only what we need and may we use our strength to help those who need us.**

\*SINGING “Kumbaya” (“Come by here”) Words Trad./Cyndy Lowry  
*Rain, Storm, Fire, Wind* Music by R. J. Taylor  
Congregation & Youth Band

COME AS A CHILD

*(Afterwards, children ages 4 through 1<sup>st</sup> grade may go to Awakening to Worship, our child-friendly worship service. Greeters will meet the children at the back of the sanctuary and go to Room 12 downstairs where parents may pick up children when worship is over.)*

Sing 250, v. 1 “In the Bulb There Is a Flower”  
*In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken together)*

**Gracious and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sins. Although Christ is risen from the grave and has shattered the power of death, we are still held captive by fear and doubt. We have neglected the poor and the hungry and ignored the cries of the oppressed. We pursue profits and pleasures that harm the land and pollute the waters, leaving this world depleted and damaged for future generations. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we and all your creatures may know the joy of life abundant, given through Christ Jesus, the risen Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF CARE

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you and all others!**

*(Let us greet one another with expressions of love.)*

\*SINGING “Pass It On” by Kurt Kaiser  
Congregation & Youth Band

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & SILENT PRAYER

*Equipping People to Develop and  
Share a Faith That Works in Real Life*

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Deuteronomy 31:1–8

*(Old Testament, Page 186)*

Melanie Townsend (8:50); Cindy Schendel (11:05)

SUNG ASSURANCE “Shoulders” by For King and Country  
Youth Band

*My help comes from you. You’re right here, pulling me through.  
You carry my weakness, my sickness, my brokenness all on your shoulders.  
My help comes from you. You are my rest, my rescue.  
I don’t have to see to believe that you’re lifting me up on your shoulders.*

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Joshua 1:1–9

*(Old Testament, Page 194)*

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.  
**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “The First and the Last” Rev. Mitch Trigger

*Sending People to Serve in the World*

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MOMENT FOR MISSION

M&M Trip

Amy Kowalczewski (8:50)  
& Jacob Battaglioli (11:05)

SONG OF HOPE setting by Israel Kamakawiwo’ole

“Somewhere Over the Rainbow”  
with “What a Wonderful World”  
Youth Band

\*CHARGE

\*BENEDICTION

SENDING MUSIC

*\*Please stand, in body or in spirit..*

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