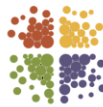




**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**Creation Care Sunday**

April 19, 2026

**10:30 am Worship Service**



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## Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Table Talk

Treasurer

Prelude

*Just Like the Day*

Pat Metheny

Opening to Presence & Land Acknowledgement

Prayer of the Day

May the beauty of the Creator, the grace of the Good Shepherd, and the unifying Breath of Life enfold us all. We join together as many and diverse expressions of one loving mystery: for the healing of the earth and the renewal of all life. **Amen.**

Psalm of Lament

Youth Video Reflections

## Word

First Teaching

*Among All Living Things* inspired by Rabbi Nachman (17<sup>th</sup> c.)

Second Teaching

Epistle of Mary Oliver and Abby Jenkins

Special Music

*Big Yellow Taxi*

Joni Mitchell

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:25-34

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message: Part I

David Medford

Hymn

*Seek Ye First*

Message: Part II

Vern Johnson

## Creation Creed

**As a congregation committed to care for creation, we affirm God's creation in all its glory and beauty. We acknowledge God as the source of all things. We acknowledge Christ as the redeemer of all things. We acknowledge the Spirit as the sustainer of all things. As a result, we strive to respect all of life as sacred. We accept our vocation as Earth-keepers who care for creation. We accept our responsibility to live justly in relation to our fellow human beings in ways that all creatures may mutually thrive together.**

## Prayers of the People

### Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## Offering

Choral Offertory

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

John Rutter

### Offertory Prayer

Dear God, Creator of the earth, **this sacred home we share; Give us new eyes to see the beauty all around and to protect the wonders of creation. Give us new arms to embrace the strangers among us and to know them as family. Give us new ears to hear and understand those who live off the land and to hear and understand those who extract its resources. Give us new hearts to recognize the brokenness in our communities and to heal the wounds we have inflicted. Give us new hands to serve the earth and its people and to shape beloved community. For you are the One who seeks the lost, binds our wounds and sets us free, and it is in the name of Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.**

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving Dialogue

Red Hymnal pg. 144

Preface

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Purple Hymnal pg. 36

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

Purple Hymnal pg. 40

Communion Songs      *He's Gone Away*

Celtic Folk Song

Communion Hymn      *Deep Peace*

Purple Hymnal No. 1018

Post-Communion Prayer

Gracious God, you have given us much this day: **the wheat and grapes which found our feast, the wit and will to transform them into bread and wine, and the precious presence of your Son who transfigures and redeems all that we have broken and lost. Send us out now to care for this fragile earth, our island home. Grant us the wit and will to transform the toxic, irreverent ways we live, and the saving presence of your Song Jesus Christ who goes before us and call us into this world you love. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

Musical Reflection      *Shenandoah*

American Folk Song

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord— **caring for God's good earth and all who share it.**

Postlude