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**APRIL 24, 2022**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**

**REFLECTION**

*“The worse climate change gets, the more my generation is going to have to deal with it. And at the same time, we have no say in how it is addressed.” ~ Kiran Oommen, 25-year-old climate activist*

**PRELUDE**

*Celtic Creations*

arr. Larry Shackley

**WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Every creature, every plant, every rock proclaims the glory of its Creator

**Creation worships through color, shape, scent, and form.**

Creator God, we join this multi-sensory song of praise.

**We join with the whole of your creation in praising you, our Creator.**

**\*\*HYMN No. 15, St. 1-3**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam,  
O sister moon with silver gleam,  
Sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother wind with clouds and rain,  
You nurture gifts of fruit and rain.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sister water, flowing clear,  
Make music for the Lord to hear.  
Sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother fire, so warm and bright,  
Chase off the shadows of the night.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth who day by day  
Unfolds such blessings on our way;  
Sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(In Unison)*

**God, you gave us the richness of creation. When you gave it to us it was all good! But we have overused and not saved. We have torn down and not replenished. Forgive us for having spoiled the earth. We have been careless and unconcerned. Forgive us Lord for having spoiled the earth. We have ignored the signs although you have given them to us in abundance. Instead, we have argued over what should be done, ignored what should be done and done too little of what we could do. Forgive us for having spoiled the earth. We repent because we intend to learn what we can do to show our appreciation as stewards of your earth. We repent because we intend to change our ways and become better**

conservers, replenishers, and advocates for the earth, beginning this day, beginning with where we live. This is our sincere desire. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Christ is risen from the grave and has shattered the power of death,

**O Lord. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we and all God's creation may know the joy of life abundant, given through Christ Jesus, the risen Lord. Amen.**

**\*\*HYMN No. 37, St. 1**

*Let All Things Now Living*

ASH GROVE

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
By guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:  
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Children in kindergarten – 7<sup>th</sup> grade may exit the sanctuary for Sunday School*

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

*Ezekiel 47:7-12*

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

*"All Good Gifts" from GODSPELL*

Stephen Schwartz

#### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

*Romans 8:18-25*

#### SERMON

*Creation Groans in Travail*

Rev. William Schram

**HYMN No. 240, St. 1, 2, 4**

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the King of creation.  
  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.  
Spread the good news to all the earth:  
Jesus has died and has risen.  
  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.  
Come let us praise the living God,  
Joyfully sing to our Savior.

#### JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### 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.**

**\*\*HYMN No. 15, St. 4-6**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All who for love of God forgive,  
All who in pain or sorrow grieve,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;  
So, even in the midst of tears.

Sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
And you, most gentle sister death,  
Waiting to hush our final breath:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,  
Fair is the night that leads us home.  
Sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
And worship God with humble heart.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
Sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Christ is Risen, BWV 627*

J. S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

**\*\*Those who are able may stand**

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