

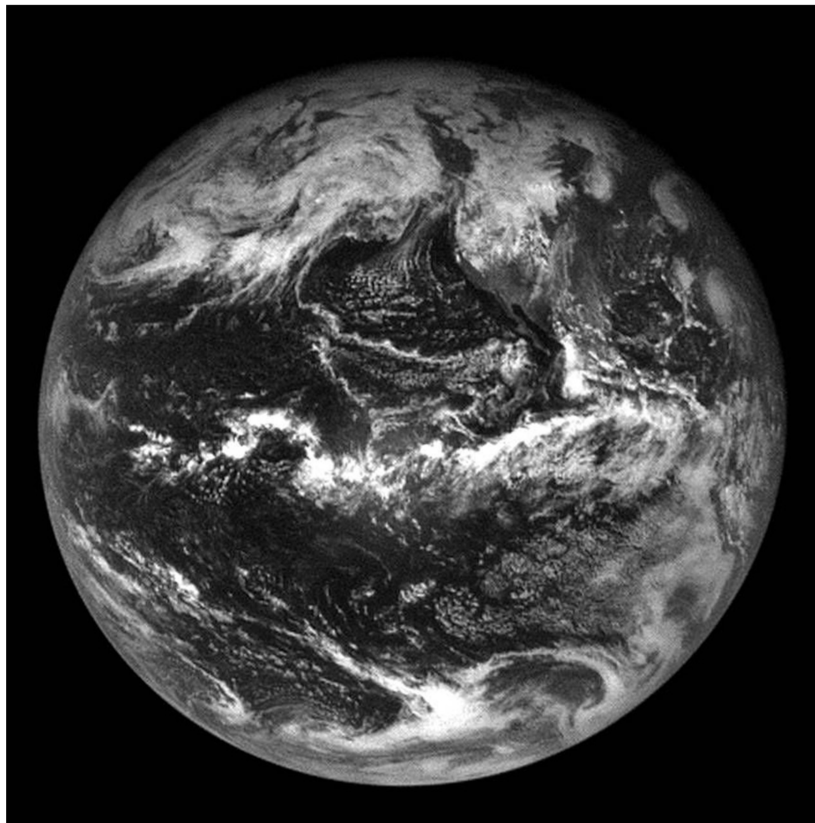


Fourth Sunday of Easter
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When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are humans that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?

- Psalm 8: 3-4



NASA's OSIRIS-REx Snaps Pictures of Earth and the Moon

GATHERING

The 9:00am worship service is live-streamed and recorded for those worshipping at home. While filming focuses on the worship leaders, worship participants may appear on screen. For those seeking less visibility, the south section of chairs (behind the worship leaders) is designated as a lower filming area.

Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that Edina Community Lutheran Church is located on the traditional, ancestral and contemporary lands of the Dakhóta Oyáte, the Dakota nation. Treaties developed through exploitation and violence were broken. Tribes were forced to exist on ever smaller amounts of land.

Acknowledging this painful history, we as a congregation confess our complicity in the theft of Native land and acknowledge that we have not yet honored our treaties. We further confess that Christians and Christian churches have benefited from this land theft. We commit to being active advocates for justice for Native People and to truth telling that leads to healing.

Our green liturgy both celebrates creation and laments the abuse of the earth. We worship today especially aware of our role as caretakers and stewards of the earth.

COME AND MAKE THE PEOPLE WHOLE
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CALL TO WORSHIP "I Sing Because I'm Happy"

arr. K. Paden & R. Dilworth

WELCOME

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen! C: **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C: **Amen.**

L: Look, here is water!

C: **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

L: Immersed in the promises of baptism,...
...Look, here is water!

C: **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

L: At the river your beloved Son was baptized...
... in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

L: Look, here is water!

C: **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

GATHERING SONG "Come and Make the People Whole"



Whole.		Come	and	make	the	peo - ple
Heal	now	the	twis -	val -	ues	that a -
Heal	now	the	bro -	laws	that	fa - vor
Heal	now	the	deep	in -	fec -	tion of white
Heal	now	the	fear	that	keeps	us all from
Help	us	to	find	a	room	for ev - ery



whole.		Come	and	make	the	peo - ple
ban -	don	the	fam -	'lies	need -	ing help to
rich	folks,	and	block	the	ris -	ing of the
priv' -	lege,	the	wound	that	fes -	ters in the
see -	ing	that	we	are	all	a sin - gle
per -	son,	To	find	a	home	for ev - ery



whole.						
be	whole.					
poor	folks.					
in -	crowd.					
bod -	y.					
peo -	ple.					

Come and make the peo-ple whole.

GREETING

L: The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Sung Response "You Embrace the Smallest of Creatures"



You em - brace the small - est of crea - tures You em -
brace the whole u - ni - verse Your ten - der - ness knows no end. We,
too rest in your arms. You em - brace the wid - est of
o - ceans You em - brace the thin - nest of hopes Your ten - der - ness
knows no end. We, too rest in your lov - ing arms.

L: O God of Land, Sky and Sea, you are holy.
May your creation blossom and breathe as you intended,
both on earth and throughout all that is.

C: **Let the fields, forests, and oceans sustain us.
And forgive our abuse of your green earth and our striving for dominion over it.
Help us know how to restore the water, wind, and soil;
and to heal our relationship to these, your precious gifts.
For your handiwork is glorious and worthy of saving now and forever.
Amen**

Sung Response "You Embrace the Smallest of Creatures"

Light a Candle!

In many faith traditions, a lit candle often also symbolizes a prayer.

You are invited to light a candle on the votive candle screen as you enter for worship, after communion, or whenever you feel moved to do so.

Our lit candles together represent our prayers lifted up to God!

YOU EMBRACE THE SMALLEST
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHOIR ANTHEM "Earth Song"

words and music by Frank Ticheli

Sing. Be. Live. See.
This dark stormy hour, the wind, it stirs.
The scorched earth cries out in vain.
O war and power, you blind and blur.
The torn heart cries out in pain.
But music and singing have been my refuge.
And music and singing shall be my light.
A light of song shining strong: Alleluia!
Through darkness and pain and strife,
I'll sing. I'll be. I'll live. I'll see peace.

FIRST READING: PSALM 8

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

May we know the truth deep-er than words. May we know the truth
wid - er than creeds. May we know the truth
new - er than yes - ter - day's blooms. Al-le - lu - ia.

MAY WE KNOW THE TRUTH
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GOSPEL READING: JOHN 10:11-18

L: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "In The Turning"



In the turn - ing of day back in - to eve - ning, In the
 In the turn - ing of spring-time in - to sum - mer, In the
 In the turn - ing of crude ore to in - ven - tion, In the
 In the turn - ing of ex - pert in - to men - tor, In the



turn - ing of light back in - to gray, In the turn - ing of busi - ness in - to
 turn - ing of dor - mant in - to grown, In the turn - ing of flow - er in - to
 turn - ing of en - gine in - to rust, In the turn - ing of hand-shake in - to
 turn - ing of up - right in - to hunched, In the turn - ing of now in - to for -



plea - sure, In the turn - ing of strug - gle in - to play. In the turn - ing of plann - ing in - to
 full - ness, In the turn - ing of har - vest in - to home. In the turn - ing of scar - let in - to
 al - ly, In the turn - ing of em - pire in - to dust. In the turn - ing of en - em - y to
 got - ten, In the turn - ing of bod - y in - to mulch. In the turn - ing of mem - 'ry in - to



dream - ing, In the turn - ing of sun - light back to stars:
 snow - fall, In the turn - ing of win - ter in - to mud:
 neigh - bor, In the turn - ing of greed to com - mon good:
 mean - ing, In the turn - ing of sad - ness in - to song:



Turn us back to you. Turn us back to you, Ev - er Turn - ing Love.

CARING FOR CREATION STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in God, the Creator and Sustainer who gazes on the earth in love, pronouncing it 'very good', who calls us to partnership in caring for the world, who provides in abundance all that is needed for the whole of creation to thrive, and who grieves at the way we neglect and spoil this masterpiece.

We believe in Jesus Christ who was born like us, choosing to share our humanity with its joy and its pain and who lived an earthly life, affirming and celebrating the goodness of the physical world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who danced in the darkness at the dawn of time to bring light and life, who breathes life and purpose into all living things, and who opens our eyes and calls us to join in the work of sustaining and renewing the earth.

We commit ourselves to live day by day in the light of these beliefs, cherishing the earth and laboring for its healing and renewing, following the example of Jesus Christ. Amen.

IN THE TURNING

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 adapted from "Creation Care
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Prayer Response: Letting Go

Let-ting go, Let-ting go in you. Let-ting peace flow in-
 to my heart. Let-ting calm rest up - on my soul.
 Let-ting go, Let-ting go in you.

LETTING GO

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PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC "Hear God's Good News"

Words by Morgan Gray

This I know to be true, Jesus loves us. I know his name, hear God's good news:
 Hear God's voice through the spirit.
 Holy Spirit is good, God loves us. Jesus is very good, hear God's good news:
 Hear God's voice through the spirit.
 God helps me through the storm, I hear God's voice and he
 Helps me through the word. God speaks the truth:
 Hear God's good news. Hear God's voice through the spirit.
 I am worshipping God and God only, talking about God is what I do to cope.
 Take the word of God's love and keep it close to your heart.
 Jesus is amazing. God is amazing.
 This is the word of life. Hear God's good news:
 Hear God's voice through the spirit.
 Jesus is alive, he's alive, Hallelujah! Praise God, Hallelujah!

OFFERING SONG "Pour Out Your Heart"

Pour out your heart in - to the Heal - ing Bowl of Prayers
 Pour out your sor - row. Let us share each oth - er's pain.
 Pour out your gra - ti - tude for all you have re - ceived.
 Pour it out like wa - ter, Pour it out like rain. Pour out your heart in - to the
 Pour it out like wa - ter, Pour it out like rain. Pour out your sor - row. Let us
 Pour it out like wa - ter, Pour it out like rain. Pour out your gra - ti - tude for
 Heal - ing Bowl of Prayers Just pour, pour out your heart.
 share each oth - ers pain. Just pour, pour out your heart.
 all you have re - ceived. Just pour, pour out your heart.

POUR OUT YOUR HEART

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- L: God be with you. **C: And also with you.**
 L: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to God.**
 L: Let us give thanks to God. **C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- L: Blessed are you, O God of the universe...
 ...Come within us, O Spirit of unity. Come, Holy Spirit.
C: Come, Holy Spirit.
 L: Bless us, O God, and these your gifts, which we are about to receive from your bounty. Bless our table and the feast we share. Bless us with gladness of heart. Come, Holy Spirit.
C: Come, Holy Spirit.
 L: At this table make us your body. Form us to be people of justice and peace. Fill us with gratitude and generosity that we may bear the fruit of love in word and deed. Come, Holy Spirit.
C: Come, Holy Spirit.
 L: Praise to you, Author of creation. Praise to you, O Beloved One. Praise to you, O Giver of all good things. Praise to you, blessed and holy Trinity, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Gracious God in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
 Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

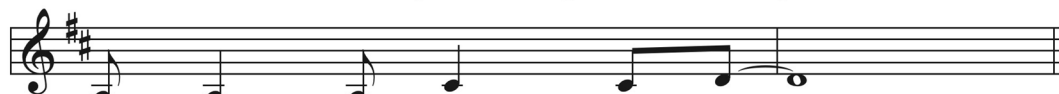
COMMUNION HYMN I "Give Us Our Daily Bread"



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| 1. Give us | our dai - ly bread. | Give us | our dai - ly bread. |
| 2. May we | be sa - tis - fied. | May we | be sa - tis - fied. |
| 3. Nev - er | be sa - tis - fied. | Nev - er | be sa - tis - fied. |
| 4. Pass - ing | the gift a - long. | Pass - ing | the gift a - long. |



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|------------|---------------------|
| Give us | our dai - ly bread. |
| May we | be sa - tis - fied. |
| Nev - er | be sa - tis - fied. |
| Pass - ing | the gift a - long. |



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|------|-----------|------|--------------------|
| May | we | be | sa - - tis - fied. |
| With | on - ly | what | we need. |
| If | an - y | be | de - nied. |
| Each | add - ing | as | we can. |

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We welcome all to receive this gift of Christ's presence given in this meal. Here is offered for you the forgiveness of sins and the promise of life in God. Communion will be directed by the ushers; Cups are in trays—filled communion cups contain grape juice, empty cups will receive wine. Gluten-free wafers are available on the table. See bulletin "Welcome" page for wafer ingredients. Children are welcome to commune at their parent's discretion. If you would like to receive communion and are unable to come forward, please inform an usher and a pastor will come to you.

GIVE US OUR DAILY BREAD
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COMMUNION HYMN II "Bring Healing"

Bring heal-ing. Bring heal-ing to our lives, we pray. Bring
 heal-ing to our lives, we pray. That we pro-tect this earth.

1. Soft - en those who on - ly look for gain
 2. May we live like we are not a - lone,
 3. Wake us from do - min - ion's si - ren spell

Gain de - rived by dam - ag - ing the plan - et and the poor.
 know-ing how our choic - es rip - ple far out - side our lives.
 Turn us from dis - rupt - ing all the rhy - thms that re - store.

May we see be - yond the bot - tom line in these fair
 Oth - er crea - tures al - so have a home in these green
 May we stand in awe and be re - newed in si - lent
 mea - dows, in these fair wood - lands.
 pas - tures, by these still wa - ters.
 nights. in ho - ly nights.

COMMUNION HYMN III "When Our Song Says Peace"

When our song says peace and the world says war, we will
 When our song says love and the world says hate, we will
 When our song says yes and the world says no, we will

sing de - spite the world. We will trust our song, for we
 sing de - spite the world. We will trust our song, for we
 sing de - spite the world. We will trust our song, for we

sing — of — God, who breaks the spear and
 sing — of — God, the one whom we a -
 sing — of — God, who op - ens wide the

sword, and stills the storm of war.
 wait, who soothes the sting of hate.
 door, and wel - comes us once more.

BRING HEALING
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COMMUNION HYMN IV "There are Gardens Waiting"

There are gar - dens wait - ing to be plant - ed. And
green hearts long - ing to be born. There are heal - ings
yet to be i - mag - ined. And wild fields wait - ing to re - turn.

THERE ARE GARDENS WAITING
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG "Put Your Roots Down"

SENDING FORTH

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**