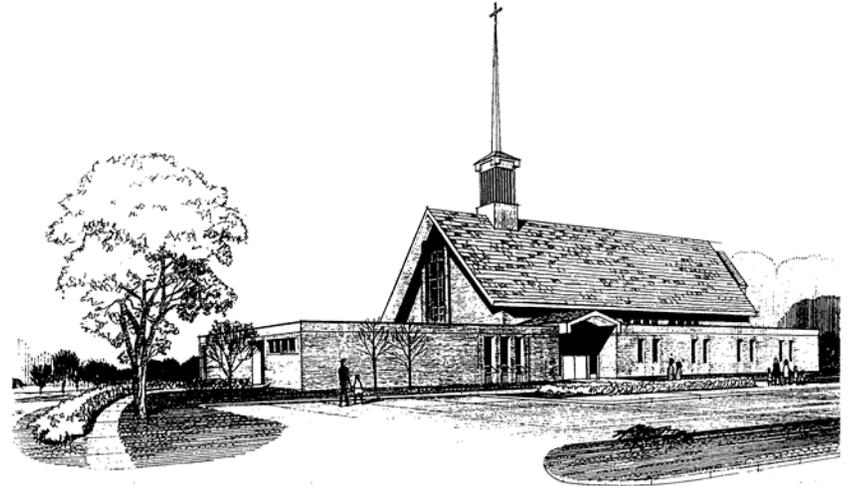


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April 11, 2021
10:00 am

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Minister

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Organist

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Libby Watts
Handbell Choir Director

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Pianist

Ila Schepisi
Deacon in Residence

Dana E. Watson
Administrative Assistant

Joanna Corvin
Comptroller

Lynn Wright
Custodian

*Please follow the directions of
your ushers and worship leaders.*

*Due to COVID-19, congregants are invited to welcome
one another with handwaves and other non-verbal signs
of celebration and worship.*

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING AND SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP 457

With all our heart, we take refuge in God most high,
who created all things,
the merciful Father, Source of all goodness.
With all our heart, we take refuge in Christ,
the Redeemer from sin,
who restores our true nature,
the perfect and mysterious Word.
With all our heart, we take refuge in the One who embraces
the universe
who at all times and in all places responds to our needs,
the pure and tranquil Holy Spirit.

OPENING HYMN 62 *This is My Father's World*

PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 1:20

Repeat Refrain

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild.

Repeat Refrain

For thy church, that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering upon every shore
her pure sacrifice of love.

Repeat Refrain

For thyself, best Gift Divine,
to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth, and joy in Heaven.

For the Beauty of the Earth

Words: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864
Music: Conrad Kocher, 1838
Arr. by: W. H. Monk, 1861

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.
Christ our God, to thee
we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light.

Repeat Refrain

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Adam McAllister

SERMON *Marveling in Creation*

Ila Schepisi

RESPONSE TO THE WORD 'The Apostles' Creed
I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**universal*

INVITATION

HYMN 144 *All Creatures of our God and King*

HYMN 92 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

GOING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*Thank you for remaining in your seat,
always wearing your mask,
and listening to instead of singing the hymns.
Ushers will dismiss you by rows at the conclusion
of the service.*

Altar Flowers

*The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God
by Clarence & Delores Smith in honor of our son, Anthony &
his family for the joy they have brought to us.*

O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother fire who lights the night,
Providing warmth, enhancing sight.

O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day,
unfoldest blessings on our way.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them God's glory also show!

O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All ye who are of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part.

O praise ye! Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care!

All Creatures of our God and King

Words: Francis of Assisi, 1225

Trans. by: William H. Draper, 1925

Music: Geistliche Kirchengesange, 1623

Harmony: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,

O praise ye! Al-le-lu-ia!

O brother sun with golden beam,

O sister moon with silver gleam!

O praise ye! O praise ye!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother wind, air, clouds, and rain,
by which all creatures ye sustain.

O praise ye! Alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,

Ye lights of evening, find a voice!

O praise ye! O praise ye!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERVING TODAY

USHERS

Delores Smith

Clay Carson

Adam McAllister

ACOLYTE

Natalie Schepisi

SOUND SYSTEM

Cory Schepisi

ALTAR GUILD

Delores Smith & Mary Wyatt

COUNTERS

Delores Smith

Barry Anderson

Susan Boggess

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Betty Jo Lester, Mary Kate Kidd, Doug McCoy, Jinnie Pennington Lockridge, Amy Black and the Pridgen Family, Keegan, Patty McAllister, Junior Surber, Mike Porter, Mildred Wall, Graham Wickline, the Morehead Family, those who are homebound, those in assisted living

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE

GROVE WEBSITE: Check out groveumcradford.com for information and updates on what is happening in the Grove!

BOOK CLUB: “America’s Original Sin” by Jim Wallis meets Monday nights at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Facilitated by Adam McAllister. Let us know you are joining by emailing Adam at groveumchoir@gmail.com

GROVE GREETER: The April edition should have arrived in your email inboxes. If you did not receive it or if you need a printed copy, please contact the church office.

GARDNERS IN THE GROVE: We will resume on Friday, April 16th at 9:00 a.m. This group shares in a brief devotion followed by time working in the flower beds and grounds of our church.

This is My Father’s World

Words: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901

Music: Trad. English melody

Adapt.by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

This is my Father’s world,
and to my listening ears all nature sings,
and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father’s world:

I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees,
of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world,
the birds their carols raise, the morning light,
the lily white, declare their maker’s praise.

This is my Father’s world:

he shines in all that’s fair; in the rustling grass
I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father’s world.

O let me ne’er forget that though the wrong
seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father’s world:

why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King;
let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!