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EASTER 3: CELEBRATING EARTH DAY: THE GLORY OF CREATION

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this sacred morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. Let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples—predominantly the lands of the Mi'kmaq, Wolastoqiyik and Passamaquoddy. May we live with respect on this land, and live in friendship with its people. Grace and Alleluia to you all!

Thought for Meditation:

The universe is an inexhaustible celebration of infinite mystery!

Brian Swimme

THE GATHERING

*Please rise in body or in spirit for sections marked with an asterisk.

WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Introit: 122 MV This Is The Day

This is the day that God has made, we will rejoice and be glad.

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Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, singing hallelu!

We will rejoice and be glad!

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Alleluia!

People: Alleluia and Amen!!

MUSIC: Moon Joyce: *We Are The Voice of The Earth* Jerry Brodey

We are the voice of the earth

Hear the wind saying

**We turn around to the sun
And circle it changing**

Chorus:

**We are the voice of the earth
Rising up, Rising up
We are the voice of the earth
Rising up, rising up**

**We are the voice of our times
Earth and moon dancing
There is the healing that comes
In the circle we're singing** **Chorus...**

**We hear a voice in ourselves
Friends we are calling
We struggle finding our way
The circle is changing** **Chorus...**

OPENING PRAYER (Based on the words of St. Patrick)

Leader: With the glory of the Resurrection still stirring within us, O God, we arise and gather as your Easter people.

People: **We arise today through the strength of heaven, light of sun, radiance of moon,**

Leader: through the splendour of fire, speed of lightening, swiftness of wind,

People: **through the depth of sea, stability of earth, firmness of rock.**

Leader: We arise and gather through the wonder of the Resurrected One, who taught us to pray together, saying:

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 trespasses,

**As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

T H E W O R D O F G O D

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 1: 1-22

HYMN# 229 VU God Of The Sparrow verses 1,2,3, and 6

**1. God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise**

**2. God of the earthquake
God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save**

**3. God of the rainbow
God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks**

**6. God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say... Home**

SERMON: *Before There Were Humans* with Allen Grant

MUSIC: Moon Joyce: *Cool Of The Day*

Jean Ritchie

THE RESPONSE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LITANY FOR EARTH DAY: *Mary Oliver's My Work Is Loving The World*

My work is loving the world.

**Here the sunflowers, there the hummingbird -
equal seekers of sweetness.**

Here the quickening yeast; there the blue plums.

Here the clam deep in the speckled sand.

Are my boots old? Is my coat torn?

Am I no longer young and still not half-perfect?

Let me keep my mind on what matters, which is my work,
which is mostly standing still and learning to be astonished.

The phoebe, the delphinium. The sheep in the pasture, and the pasture.

Which is mostly rejoicing, since all ingredients are here,

Which is gratitude, to be given a mind and a heart
and these body-clothes,

a mouth with which to give shouts of joy

to the moth and the wren, to the sleepy dug-up clam,

telling them all, over and over, how it is

that we live forever. Amen.

HYMN # 703 VU In The Bulb There Is A Flower

**1. 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.**

**2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**3. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

BENEDICTION

**CHORAL BLESSING: We Will Go With God #223 MV
We will go with God! Alleluia! We will go with God!
We will go with God! Alleluia! We will go with God!
On this day of great joy, we will go with God!
On this day of great joy, we will go with God!**

*The bulletin today is dedicated in memory of Paul Lister (1939-2014).
Lovingly remembered by Kaye.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Tellers This Week: Loraine Ward and Meg Simms

Trustees On Duty (Apr): David Ward

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE

For the month of April, we will focus on juice boxes or pudding cups. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

