

10:00am  
Traditional Worship  
Sanctuary

May 26, 2019



HENNEPIN  
AVENUE UMC

Green Faith: What's in a Word?

Where + is indicated, standing or sitting, we praise God.  
You are invited to read aloud the bold text.

## We Gather to Worship God

PRELUDE *Pastorale* César Franck  
Andrew Hackett, organ (see note on page 4 of bulletin)

CENTERING Rev. Frenchye Magee

CHORAL INTROIT *The Blue Green Hills of Earth* Kim Oler  
(from *Missa Gaia*) arr. Paul Halley  
Sanctuary Choir

+CALL TO WORSHIP Rodney Bacon

The earth is a sparkling blue and white jewel laced with slowly swirling veils of white like a small pearl in a thick sea of black mystery. —Edgar Mitchell, *US Astronaut*

**All creation is a song of praise to God.** —Hildegard of Bingen, *Mystic*

O moving force of Wisdom, you encircle the wheel of the cosmos, you encompass all that is, all that has life, in one vast circle. —Hildegard of Bingen

**All creation is a song of praise to God.**

It could be that God has not absconded but spread, as our vision and understanding of the universe have spread, to a fabric of spirit and sense so grand and subtle, powerful in a new way, that we can only feel blindly of its hem. —Annie Dillard, *naturalist writer*

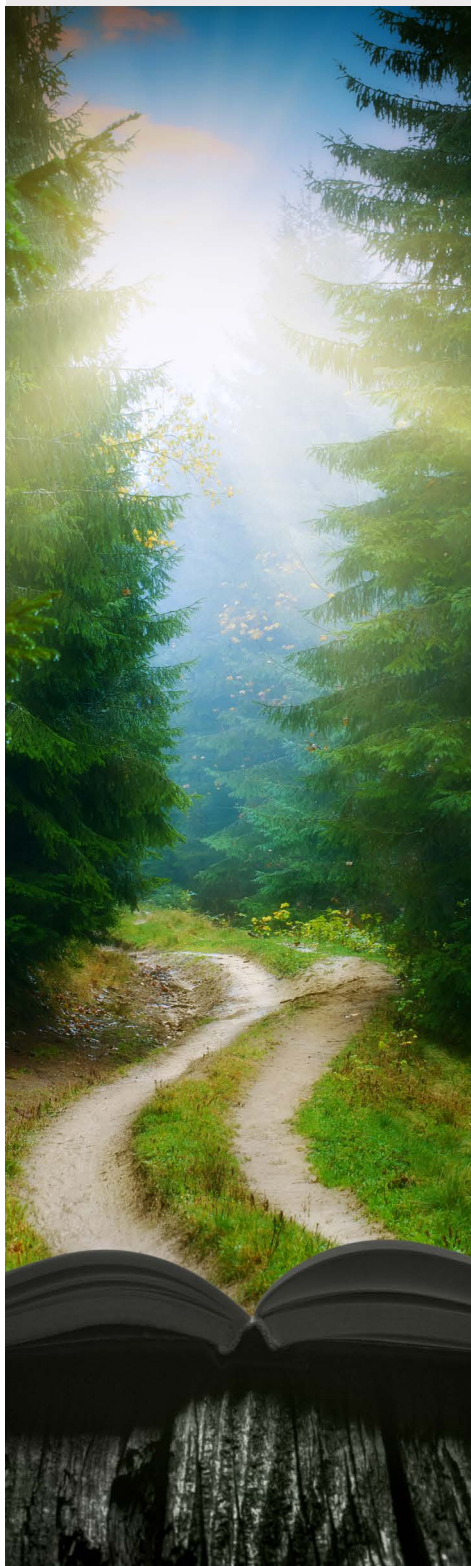
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Stardust is not just fairy-tale magic; it is what we are really made of. —Elisabet Sahtouris, *Ecofeminist*

**All creation is a song of praise to God.**

Great Spirit, give me the strength to walk the soft earth, a relative to all that is! All over the earth the faces of living things are all alike. This is my prayer; hear me! —Black Elk, *Oglala Sioux*

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# Green Faith

Mobilizing  
God's  
People  
to Save  
the  
Earth

A 9-week worship series  
starting April 28

**May 19** Graduation Sunday  
*Many Faiths, One Earth*  
*Green Faith: Mobilizing God's  
People to Save the Earth*  
Romans 15:1-16 (MSG)  
Rev. Nate Melcher

**May 26** *What's in a Word?*  
*Green Faith: Mobilizing God's  
People to Save the Earth*  
I John 4:1-2a  
Rev. Judy Zabel

**Jun 2** Missa Gaia: Earth Mass  
*Green Faith: Mobilizing God's  
People to Save the Earth*  
Lamentations 5:1-21

**Jun 9** Pentecost Sunday  
Rev. Nate Melcher's Last Sunday  
*Fire in the Belly!*  
*Green Faith: Mobilizing God's  
People to Save the Earth*  
Acts 2:1-8, 12-15, 37-47  
Rev. Nate Melcher

## In Our Prayers This Week

### Births

Clara Michelle Griffith

### Deaths

Dick Lockard, 5/18/19  
service on 6/21/19

### Hospice

Hedwid Thomson (mother of  
Phyllis Thomson)

There is not anything new to be born. It has been within you from the beginningless beginning. It has only to be awakened, to become aware of itself in you.—*Zen saying*

**All creation is a song of praise to God.**

For in God we live and move and have our being. —*Acts 17:28*

**All creation is a song of praise to God.**

When you stand in the presence of the moon, you become a new creation... The elementary particles of your body have absorbed an influence and in that sense they—and you—are brand spanking new, a human being resonating everywhere with moonlight. —*Brian Swimme, physicist*

**All creation is a song of praise to God.**

We shall not cease from exploration. And the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started.

And know the place for the first time.—*T. S. Eliot, poet*

**All creation is a song of praise to God.**

+ HYMN NO. 111

*How Can We Name a Love*

TERRA BEATA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Frenchye Magee

**O God, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen:  
You place us in your creation, and you command us to care for it.  
Your works declare glory and splendor, and you call us to praise  
and reverence.**

**Where we have degraded or destroyed earth's bounty, forgive us.  
Where we have taken beauty and majesty for granted,  
have mercy upon us.**

**Where we have become estranged from the creatures with whom  
we share this planet, grant us your peace. Renew us in the waters of  
baptism, refresh us with the winds of your spirit,  
and sustain us with the bread of life.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ, and for the sake of the new creation,  
we pray.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

*God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*  
Sanctuary Choir

Alice Parker

*God, who stretched the spangl'd heavens  
Infinite in time and place,  
Flung the suns in burning radiance  
Thro' the silent fields of space:  
We, your children, in your likeness,  
Share inventive pow'rs with you.  
Great Creator, still creating,  
Show us what we yet may do.*





### Clergy

Frenchye Magee, Associate Pastor of  
 Congregational Care &  
 Invitational Discipleship  
 Nate Melcher, Associate Pastor of  
 Faith Development  
 Judy Zabel, Senior Pastor  
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# We Respond to the Word

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Frenchye Magee

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

## GIVING OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS & OURSELVES

MUSICAL OFFERING

*Sanctus & Benedictus*

Paul Winter

*(from Missa Gaia)*

Sanctuary Choir; Humpback Whale

*Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,

*Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.*

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

*Osanna in excelsis.*

Hosanna in the highest!

*Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.*

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord

*Osanna in excelsis.*

Hosanna in the highest!

## + PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS & DOXOLOGY (NO. 94)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## + PRAYER OF DEDICATION

# We Take the Word Into the World

The Acolytes lead us in carrying the light of Christ into the world.

## + HYMN NO. 109

*Creating God, Your Fingers Trace*

KEDRON

## + BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Improvisation on Terra Beata*

Andrew Hackett, organ

### Note about the Prelude:

César Franck was an organist and composer active in Paris in the mid-1800s. Today's prelude, his "Pastorale", is meant to evoke a day spent outdoors in the countryside. There is a musette (a bagpipe used by shepherds), a rainstorm which eventually dissipates into a few drops, and once the sun comes back out, church bells.