

# Westminster Presbyterian Church



April 21, 2024 Earth Day Sunday

PRELUDE "Morning Prayer" by Joseph P Martin

WELCOME

PREPARATION MUSIC "Meditation on a Folksong" by Joseph P Martin

INTROIT "Awesome God" #23 (*Lift Up Your Hearts*)

***Our God is an awesome God, he reigns from heaven above  
with wisdom, pow'r and love. Our God is an awesome God. (repeat)  
Our God is an awesome God! Our God is an awesome God!***

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 148:1-5a (CEV, adapted)

Shout praises to God!

**Shout God's praises in the highest heavens.**

All of you angels, and all who serve God above, come and offer praise.

**Sun and moon, and all of you bright stars, come and offer praise.**

Highest heavens, and the water above the heavens, come and offer praise.

**Let all things praise the name of the Lord.**

\*HYMN "Morning Has Broken" #469 (Hymnal)

***Morning has broken like the first morning.  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them springing, fresh from the Word!***

***Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.***

***Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's re-creation of the new day!***

PRAYER (adapted from a prayer by Jill Duffield, *The Presbyterian Outlook*)

The earth, and all that is within it, is yours, Lord God.

Every creature great and small, you made and cherish them all.

Creator God, too often we have exploited rather than cherished your good earth. We have been selfish, shortsighted, ungrateful, and without regard for the air and sea, the dirt beneath our feet and the living beings dependent upon a healthy world.



PRAYER

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 "God of the Sparrow" #272 (*Hymnal*)

***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?  
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?***

***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?  
God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the prodigal -  
How does the Creature say Care? How does the creature say Life?***

***God of the neighbor, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook -  
How does the creature say Love? How does the creature say Peace?  
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?***

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE "The Trees of the Field" #2279 (*Sing the Faith*)

***You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
There'll be shouts of joy,  
And all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.  
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
The trees of the field will clap their hands,  
The trees of the field will clap their hands,  
While you go out with joy.***

POSTLUDE

"A Rustic Celebration"

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