

**Order of Worship: Sunday, April 21, 2024**  
**8:30 and 11:00 AM Services of Worship**  
**4th Sunday of Easter/Creation Care Sunday**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. MaryAnn Piccioni, Associate Pastor

**Prelude**

*Like the First Bird (Bunessan)*

A. Fedak

**Lighting of the Candles**

Acolytes

**Call to Worship**

8:30 Jan Cuddington/11:00 Margaret Hardee

"O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of your name fills the earth!

Your glory is higher than the heavens."

We gather to praise you!

We gather to celebrate you! We gather to worship you!

**"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth..."**

**And God saw that it was very good.**

**All praise, honor, majesty and power belongs to our Creating God! Amen**

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**Creation Hymn Medley**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

UMH 92, vs. 1, 2, & 6

*This Is My Father's World*

UMH 144

**Affirmation of Faith**

"A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada"

UMH 883

**Gloria**

UMH 70

**Passing of the Peace**

**Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer**

Rev. MaryAnn Piccioni, Associate Pastor

**Anthem (11:00)**

*Close to Thee*

S. Vail/D. Wyrzten

Covenant Chancel Choir

**Children's Chat**

Jessie Perry and Anne Wilde

**The Offering**

**Offering Prayer**

Rev. Piccioni

**Offertory**

*I Will Rise*

arr. M. McDonald

Se'lah

**Doxology**

UMH 94

**Scripture**

Psalm 23:1-6

8:30 Jan Cuddington/11:00 Peggy Harter

**Sermon**

"Creation is Waiting"

Cara Fleischer

**Response**

(You will be invited to come to the altar rail and pray.)

**Litany for Creation**      “Creation is Waiting for Us”      Creation Care Team and Congregation

Scripture tells us that “creation waits with  
eager longing for the children of God to be revealed.”

**Creation is waiting for us.**

To open our eyes to the devastation in our world.

**Creation is waiting for us.**

To put the needs of the most vulnerable above the greed of the powerful.

**Creation is waiting for us.**

To move from doing what is easy to doing what is necessary and right.

**Creation is waiting for us.**

To prioritize the needs of community over the convenience of self.

**Creation is waiting for us.**

To remove the pollution from our seas, land, air, bodies and hearts.

**Creation is waiting for us.**

In all these things and more, creation waits

for us to assume our roles as its servants and protectors.

**With God’s help, we will answer creation’s call. Amen.**

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**Closing Hymn**      *All Things Bright and Beautiful*      UMH 147

**Closing Prayer**      Yvonne Brownlie

**Postlude**      *Let All Things Now Living*      arr. L Larson

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