

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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