

**April 28, 2024**

**Prelude and Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: And God created the heavens and the earth.

**People: And gave them to us to use and enjoy.**

Leader: And God breathed life into each of us and set us upon the earth.

**People: And God sent Jesus the Christ to save us from the pull of death.**

Leader: Everything that fills our souls with gladness and light is a gift from the loving Creator.

**ALL: We have been entrusted with unfathomable riches. For all this our God is to be praised. Let us worship God together!**

**\*Hymn #28:** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

**\*Passing the Peace**

**Scripture:** Psalm 104

Liisa Granfors-Hunt

**Anthem:** Jesus, Joyful Thought by Ron Man

**Time With Young Disciples**

**\*Unison Prayer**

**Heavenly Gardener, as the sunlight is transformed into energy by plants, let your light shining upon us transform us. Let your word sown in our hearts blossom into amazing acts of love and service. Open us to your presence and fill us with your spirit so that we may reflect your love for all people. Let others experience your warmth and love through us. Amen.**

**Sermon:** "Earth – an Act of Love"

**\*Hymn #556:** "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heaven"

**The Community at Prayer** (*Joys and Concerns, Prayers for the People, Lord's Prayer*)

If you are watching online, type any prayer requests in the chat by the end of the sermon and we can voice them and get the names on the prayer list.

## **Prayer Response**

### **Invitation to the Offering**

*(Opportunities to give for the ministries of this church are available through an offering plate during service, by mailing your gift to the church office, or by signing up for electronic giving through our website.)*

### **\*Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Loving God, you give us the earth, the sky, the sea, this land to call home, a universe of wonders, and half a million hours or so to search its mysteries. You give us companions for the journey, and sent us your Christ, the Author of truth and love to show us the way. Accept, O God, our hearts, our praise and these gifts, which say we know from whom all blessings flow. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #558: "O How Glorious, Full of Wonder"**

### **\*Commissioning and Blessing**

### **\*Choral Response**

### **\*Postlude**