

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

4th Sunday of Easter | Earth Day

Sunday, April 22, 2018 | 10 AM | Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation

‘If indeed we are stewards of God’s creation, Christians have a big role to play. And the results could be dramatic, for the environmental point of view turns us away from the possessive individualism that has long been our secular credo and toward the interdependency that alone can save us.’

--William Sloane Coffin

Welcome & Sharing Information

Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude “For the Beauty of the Earth” - arr. Bish

Call to Worship (Psalm 8:3-4,9)

One: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers

All: The moon and the stars that you have established

One: What are human beings that you are mindful of them?

All: Who are mortals that you care for them?

One: O Lord, our Sovereign

All: How majestic is your name throughout the earth!

***Hymn No. 14** “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Prayer of Confession

(From the *Iona Community Worship Book*)

One: O God, your fertile earth is slowly being stripped of its riches,

All: Open our eyes to see.

One: O God, your living waters are slowly being choked with chemicals,

All: Open our eyes to see.

One: O God, your clear air is slowly being filled with pollutants,

All: Open our eyes to see.

One: O God, your suffering creatures are slowly dying and your people are suffering,

All: Open our eyes to see. (Continues...)

Prayer of Confession Continued

One: God our Maker, so move us by the wonder of creation,

All: That we repent and care more deeply.

One: So move us to grieve the loss of life,

All: That we learn to cherish and protect your world.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Hymn No. 581** “Glory Be to the Father”

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.”

Passing of Peace

Anthem “For the Earth Forever Turning” – Oler
Sanctuary Choir

Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults: God be with you there.

Children: God be with you here.

Scripture

- Ezekiel 36:23-36 OT 805-6 LP 986-7
- Job 39:13-18, 40:15-24 NT 486-7 LP 598-9

Sermon “Place” –Rev. Drew Harrison

Invitation to Offering

Offertory “Let All Things Now Living” - arr. Cherwien

***Doxology No. 606**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Lord, we give you thanks for all your gifts. Accept these gifts, and teach us to be as generous as you are with what we have.

The Prayers of the People

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 No. 24**

“God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

Benediction

Benediction Hymn No. 246 “Christ is Alive!”
“Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.”

Postlude

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens” - arr. Sims

***** ***Please stand as you are able.*** *****

Please be advised that our worship service is filmed from the balcony. Though the camera's focus is primarily on the chancel, there are wide shots that may include parts of the congregation sitting near the front.

Join us in the Social Hall after the service for Coffee Hour.
All are welcome!



Thank you to our Worship Servers	
Liturgist	Sue Hummel
Greeter	Judy Reed
Ushers	Ron Griffith, Bobbie Griffith, Karen Daly, Peggy Price
Tellers	Jean Brod, Bobbi Wilkins, Bob Webb



Today's flowers are given by Elaine Scheetz in loving memory of her father, Edward F. Scheetz.



Today's service music was chosen especially in observance of Earth Day. Our prelude was written by celebrated organist and composer Diane Bish, who was also the executive producer and host of The Joy of Music television series. This arrangement is part of her set of variations on the hymn tune "Dix." The postlude is David Sims' 2017 setting of the American folk hymn tune "Holy Manna," which first appeared in 1835 in W. Walker's collection Southern Harmony. We thank the Sanctuary Choir for sharing the anthem with us this morning.

Happy Birthday to...	
April 24	Alyssa Koenig
April 25	Matthew Weng
April 25	Alex Kowalik
April 27	Marie Roberts
April 27	Bob Webb
April 28	Kyle Leach
April 28	Jason Russell



This Week's Calendar April 22-29	
<i>Sunday</i> April 22	<i>Earth Day</i> <i>Levite Sunday Rain Date</i> <i>Family Promise Hosting Week Begins</i> 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers
<i>Monday</i> April 23	6:15 PM Liturgical Music Meeting – Upstairs Kitchen 7 PM Worship Committee Meeting – Upstairs Kitchen
<i>Tuesday</i> April 24	7:15 PM Stephen Ministry – Upstairs Kitchen
<i>Wednesday</i> April 25	9 AM Trustees – Upstairs Kitchen 6:30 PM PW Salad Supper & Birthday Offering – Upstairs Kitchen
<i>Thursday</i> April 26	7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i> April 27	
<i>Saturday</i> April 28	
<i>Sunday</i> April 29	<i>Family Promise Hosting Continues Until May 2</i> 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers 11:15 AM Christian Ed. Committee – Upstairs Kitchen

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Sunday Worship Service @ 10 AM

- Communion on the first Sunday of the month
- Sunday School each week from 10:20-11:05 AM