

*First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho*  
*April 21, 2024, 10:30 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
*and Celebration of Earth Day*

*Andy Kennaly, Pastor; Annie Welle, Piano; Dana Stockman, Choir Director*  
*Dyno Wahl and Earth Care Team, Worship Leaders; Usher, Sue Helander*  
*Don Helander, Livestream*

PRELUDE MUSIC & LIVESTREAM BEGINS

LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE, RING THE BELL, MOMENT OF SILENCE

CHORAL INTROIT

*Let Us Make a Joyful Noise*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

LITANY BASED ON CHIEF SEATTLE'S SPEECH (see reverse)

\*OPENING HYMN # 473 For the Beauty of the Earth

\*OPENING PRAYER AND RESPONSIVE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.** Thanks be to God!

\*SUNG RESPONSE #577 "Glory Be to the Father"

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

CHORAL ANTHEM

*The Lord's My Shepherd*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 8, Psalm 23, John 10:11-18

WORDS OF WITNESS "Known By the Good Shepherd" Andy Kennaly, Pastor

HYMN OF RESPONSE # 272 God of the Sparrow

HISTORIC LESSON

Meister Eckhart, 13th century

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Dear One, closer to us than our own hearts, farther from us than the most distant star, you are beyond naming. May your powerful presence become obvious not only in the undeniable glory of the sky, but also in the seemingly base and common processes of the Earth. Give us what we need, day by day, to keep body and soul together, because clever as you have made us, we still owe our existence to you. We recognize that to be reconciled with you, we must live peaceably and justly with other human beings, putting hate and bitterness behind us. We are torn between our faith in your goodness and our awareness of the evil in your creation, so deliver us from the temptation to despair. Yours alone is the universe and all its majesty and beauty. So it is. Amen.**

OFFERING, OFFERTORY, DOXOLOGY, \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*The Doxology # 593 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen....*

\*CLOSING HYMN # 455 All Creatures of Our God and King

\*CHINOOK PSALTER BLESSING from the book, Earth Prayers, pp198-199

\*FOLLOW THE LIGHT OF CHRIST, \*POSTLUDE, LIVESTREAM CONCLUDES

We follow Christ's light, for we are a congregation of people,

**Loving, living, learning the joy of faith.**

## LITANY BASED ON CHIEF SEATTLE'S SPEECH

Reader 1: Every part of this earth is sacred.

All: **Every shining pine needle, every sandy shore,**

Reader 2: Every mist in the dark woods,

All: **Every clearing and every humming insect is holy.**

Reader 1: The rocky crest, the juices of the meadow, the beasts and all the people,

All: **All belong to the same family.**

Reader 2: Teach your children that the earth is our mother.

All: **Whatever befalls the earth befalls the children of the earth.**

Reader 1: The water's murmur is the voice of our father's father.

All: **We are part of the earth, and the earth is part of us.**

Reader 2: The rivers are our brothers, they quench our thirst.

All: **The perfumed flowers are our sisters.**

Reader 1: The air is precious,

All: **For all of us share the same breath.**

Reader 2: This we know, the earth does not belong to us,

All: **We belong to the earth.**

Reader 1: This we know, all things are connected, like blood which unites one family.

All: **All things are connected.**

Reader 2: Our God is the same God, whose compassion is equal for all.

All: **For we did not weave the web of life, we are merely a strand in it.**

Readers 1 & 2: Whatever we do to the web,

All: **We do to ourselves.**

## WORDS TO SONGS

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### **For the Beauty of the Earth**

For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies.

Refrain:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise,  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon, and stars of light.  
(Refrain)

For the joy of ear and eye,  
For the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony  
Linking sense to sound and sight.  
(Refrain)

For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild.  
(Refrain)

For Thy Church, that evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore  
Her pure sacrifice of love. (Refrain)

### **God of the Sparrow**

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

## **All Creatures of Our God and King**

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
That givest us both warmth and light,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou fertile earth, that day by day  
Unfoldest blessings on your way,  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee  
grow,  
Let them God's glory also show!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And everyone of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part.  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and cast on God your care!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All creatures, your Creator bless,  
And worship God in humbleness.  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!