

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Celebration of Worship
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Thanking God for the Gift of the Earth**

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PRELUDE
Organ

Leonora Colletti,

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL
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CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the Earth. The Earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and God said, “Let there be light!” and there was light.

And God saw that it was good!

And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so.

And God saw that it was good!

And God said, “Let the Earth bring forth living creatures: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth.” And it was so.

And God saw that it was good!

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, after our likeness. So, God created human beings. In the image of God, God created them. Male and female, God created them. And God blessed them.

And God saw that it was good!

Let us sing praise to the God of all creation!

HYMN # 455

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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! Allelu – ia!

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! Allelu – ia!

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! Allelu – ia!

*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! Allelu – ia!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, Maker of Heaven and Earth, You place us in Your creation, and you command us to care for it. Your works declare glory and splendor, and You call us to praise and reverence.

Where we have degraded or destroyed Earth's bounty, forgive us. Where we have taken beauty and majesty for granted, have mercy upon us. Where we have become estranged from the creatures with whom we share this planet, grant us Your peace.

Renew us in the waters of Baptism. Refresh us with the winds of Your Holy Spirit. Sustain us with the Bread of Life. Forgive us for the sake of Creation and in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder Betty Chatfield

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

*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.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, these gifts are not truly ours to offer. Everything that is here was first given to us by You. Whatever wealth or abundance lies in these plates was

nurtured by Your good rains, warmed by Your sun, and rested under the light of Your stars before it became fruits of our labors. Make us mindful that our possessions all come from Your good Earth, and that our habits should never render the Earth incapable of praising You by the life and bounty it produces. Bless these gifts to the well-being of Your world and all its inhabitants, that we might praise Your holy name. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 8
Genesis 1:26-31

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“A Theology of Ecology”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN # 293

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

*This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world. I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas. God's hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems of to strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world. The battle is not done.
Jesus, who died, shall be satisfied, and Earth and Heaven be one.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right.
A story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light!
For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright,
And Christ's great kingdom shall come to Earth, the kingdom of love and light.*

*We've a song to be sung to the nations that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
A song that shall conquer evil, and shatter the spear and sword,
And shatter the spear and sword!
For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright,
And Christ's great kingdom shall come to Earth, the kingdom of love and light.*

*We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above
Has sent us His Son to save us, and show us that God is love,
And show us that God is love!*

*For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright,
And Christ's great kingdom shall come to Earth, the kingdom of love and light.*

*We've a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow has trod,
That all of the world's great peoples may come to the truth of God,
May come to the truth of God!*

*For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright,
And Christ's great kingdom shall come to Earth, the kingdom of love and light.*

POSTLUDE

Leonora Colletti, Organ

Joys and Announcements

Coffee Hour

Many thanks to Rosalie Schweighardt and Jill Wilson for hosting Coffee Hour this morning.

Celebrating Earth Day

Earth Day is celebrated annually on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First held on April 22, 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally by EarthDay.org, including 1 billion people in more than 193 countries. The official theme for 2022 is *Invest in Our Planet*.

Here at FPC Greenlawn, we are celebrating Earth Day in Worship today, and after Coffee Hour by doing a churchyard cleanup.

Congregational Meeting Called

Pastor Ann would like to have a short Congregational Meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, May 8. The purpose of the meeting is to elicit ideas from the congregation as to how we want to celebrate our 150th Anniversary.

Mark Your Calendar!

Please mark these important dates on your calendar:

- **Saturday, July 30:** Summer Get-together at Van Cleef's home in Greenport, 3:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, October 23:** 150th Anniversary Dinner, 1 p.m., Moose Hall. Ticket information will be available this summer.

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