



St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Welcome to Worship! | April 12, 2026 | Earth Care Sunday

GATHERING

Prelude *This Is My Father's World*

Dale Wood

Welcome

Rev. Parker Lucas

Moment for Mission

***Call to Worship**

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, and God saw that it was good.

We gather to praise our Creator and delight in the goodness of creation.

You set the earth firmly on its foundations. You send streams flowing through the valleys; you make grass grow for cattle and plants for people to use.

We rejoice in your goodness and lift our voices in joy. Praise the Lord.

Your glory shines over forests and oceans, over mountains and sea! The earth is full of your creatures. Glory be to God!

We join the song of the oceans, the birds of the air, and the trees of the forests in praise.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

We belong to God, and this beautiful earth belongs to God. We will praise and tell him how thankful we are.

***Hymn 20** *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

(Come forward with your 5-Cents-A-Meal Offering)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Creator God, who brings life out of dust and breathes into all living things, we come to you knowing we haven't always cared for your creation the way you've called us to. We have polluted waterways, dumped plastic into the sea, and harmed all of creation with our waste. We have cut down forests without thinking of the life they shelter and the protection they offer during storms. We have drained the richness from the land, living as though it's an endless gift. Forgive us for choosing convenience over care and short-term gain over long-term faithfulness. Help us to value what we still have and teach us to live without taking more than we need. Renew our gratitude and strengthen our commitment to care for and restore your creation.

Moment for Reflection and Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Sung Response 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Second Lesson Revelation 22:1-5

Sermon *Standing in Awe*

Emily Donovan

***Hymn 22** *God of the Sparrow*

***Affirmation of Faith** (Excerpt from Earth Care Pledge)

I believe that peace and justice are God’s plan for all creation. The earth and all creation are God’s. God calls us to be careful, humble stewards of this earth, and to protect and restore it for its own sake, and for the future use and enjoyment of the human family. As God offers all people the special gift of peace through Jesus Christ, and through Christ reconciles all to God, we are called to deal justly with one another and the earth.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

THANKSGIVING

Offering

Offertory *Let the Bright Seraphim*

G.F. Handel

***Doxology 606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING

***Hymn** *O, God You Made the Trees*

O God, you made the trees! The oak and Douglas fir, the maple, beech and sweetgum reach their branches heavenward. The willow, growing wide-the redwood, tall and strong-and cedar trees! Yes, all of these sing out creation’s song.

You made each living thing to give and to receive. As roots grow down into the ground, they twist and interweave. A canopy of green restores and cools the air. Great branches shade the earth you made, and dance-as if in prayer.

How often we forget the forests and their worth! We lay cement on places meant to be the lungs of earth. For profit and for gain, we build and build some more. We cut down woods in neighborhoods of people who are poor.

O God, you made the trees-the apple and the pine. You made them all and still you call: “Take care of what is mine!” May we receive your gift and give ourselves anew to do our best, as we’ve been blessed, to care for trees for you.

***Charge and Benediction**

***Dismissal**

We stand while the bell is rung three times, remembering that God, Creator, Redeemer and Renewer of Life goes with us.

Postlude *Festive Trumpet Tune*

David German

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington
Associate Pastor, Rev. Parker Lucas
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Soloist, Caitlin Andrews, Soprano
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