



CALVARY
UNITED CHURCH

Ministry
All the People
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**3rd Sunday of Easter , Liturgical colour – White
Honouring Earth Day (April 22nd)
April 14, 2024**

Note: Bold type everyone says together.
***indicates to stand as you are able**

Prelude *For the Beauty of the Earth*, Words by Folliot S Pierpoint / Music by Conrad Kocher
Denise Jung, piano

Welcome

Unison Land Acknowledgement (on screen)

***Hymn** MV 135 “Called by Earth and Sky” Refrain, verses 1, 2, 3, 4, Refrain

GOD GATHERS US

Responsive Call to Worship

(adapted from the Australian Earth Day service 2019)

Planet Earth, spinning silently through space:

**We celebrate your beauty and your grace,
your special place in our solar system.**

Planet Earth, gleaming green and blue:

**We rejoice in your ocean currents
as they dance and swirl with hope.**

Planet Earth, pulsing with life:

**We join in praise with all your fauna and flora
as they sing their songs to the Creator.**

Planet Earth, enveloped in the breath of God:

**Bless all your creatures this day with the
life-giving breath of God.**

Planet Earth, our precious, fragile home:

**We celebrate, with all your children,
God’s presence in our planet home.**

Spin, Planet Earth, spin! Sing, Planet Earth, sing!

We celebrate the song of our planet!

We come to worship the Creator of this wonderful world.

Led by Marlene Wyatt & Rev. Kerry

Passing the Peace

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you
And also with you.

Opening Prayer Bonnie McNichol
(adapted from Act/Fast: Spiritual Practices for a Climate in Crisis (Toronto: United Church Publishing House, 2023), p. 127, writer and editor Alydia Smith)

***Hymn** MV 40 "Never Ending Joy"
Refrain, vs 1, Refrain, vs 2, Refrain
(youth come forward on verse 2)

Youth Connection

Changing the World – Joy

followed by the Prayer that Jesus taught us

Hymn MV 40 "Never Ending Joy"
Refrain, vs 3, Refrain

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD & SONG

Psalm Reading Psalm 23
read by Bob Leigh

Music Ministry *Morning Has Broken*
arr. by Harry Simeone, Senior Choir

Gospel reading John 10: 11-18
read by Bob Leigh

Message Lead me, Guide me

GOD CALLS US TO LOVE and TO SERVE

Offering Invitation

***Offering Hymn** VU 543 We Give Thee
But Thine Own verse 1

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**
Led by Bonnie McNichol

Creator God,
through your love you have given us, these gifts we now offer.
Accept what we give this day through PAR, envelope givings, and our time and talent as expressions of our deep thanks and our concern for this world, those in need, and those whom we have never met. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayers that Unite Our Hearts

(adapted from Creation Justice Ministries, "Plastic Jesus," 2024)

Led by Rev. Kerry and Alf Langner
The response to today's prayers:

The earth is yours,
and everything in it, the world and all who live in it.

Life and Work of Calvary

Minute for Greening Lyse Geldard

***Hymn** VU 291 "All things Bright and Beautiful" Refrain, vs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Refrain

*Unison Commissioning

Led by Lyse Geldard

(adapted from Act/Fast: Spiritual Practices for a Climate in Crisis (Toronto: United Church Publishing House, 2023), p. 125, writer and editor Alydia Smith)

Let us go and act, for the care of creation.

Let us go and learn, for the sake of creation.

Let us go and pray, for the love of creation.

*Blessing

***Choral Blessing** VU 958 Halle, Halle, Halle

Postlude *The Brook* by Ira B. Wilson
Denise Jung, piano