

713 Touch the Earth Lightly

Capo 3: (G) (Dsus) (D) (Em) (Bsus) (Bm)
 B^b Fsus F Gm Dsus Dm

1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
 2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
 3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
 4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,

(C) (D7) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
 E^b F7 B^b Cm7 Fsus F

nour - ish the life of the world in our care:
 a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
 wa - ter that bless - es and air that is sweet,
 God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,

(G) (Dsus) (D) (Em) (Bsus) (Bm)
 B^b Fsus F Gm Dsus Dm

gift of great won - der, ours to sur - ren - der,
 we who would fos - ter clouds of di - sas - ter,
 health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
 teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,

(C) (G) (Em) (Am7) (D) (G) (G)
 E^b B^b Gm Cm7 F B^b B^b

trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
 re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
 us - ing us gent - ly and mak - ing us one.

An Australian aboriginal saying opens this gentle hymn from New Zealand on the stewardship of creation. "Clouds of disaster" in the second stanza refers to the testing of nuclear devices then occurring in the Pacific Ocean, but the concern for all created things is timeless.

Welcome to Riverside Presbyterian Church

April 15, 2018 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

Ask an usher for audio hearing units. ~ Please silence your cell phones.
 Childcare is available for children 1st grade and younger in the upstairs childcare room.
 Sermons available at <https://vimeo.com/riversidepresbyterian>



Presbyterians for Earth Care

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME & SHARING OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

* PASSING OF THE PEACE (Responsive)
 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE
I Love to Tell the Story

arr. Diemer

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)
 The earth and all that is in it belongs to the Holy One.
Look, this is our God, for whom we have waited.
 Will you come to the hill of the Holy One?
We come, seeking the face of God.
 Come, let us worship.

* HYMN 464

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Creator God, in praise and adoration our spirits dance before you today. You have created this wondrous universe and all the magnificent things within it. You have blessed us with so much throughout our lives, even to this day of praise and thanksgiving. Let our spirits soar! Let our hearts sing boldly of your wondrous love. We celebrate your love and presence with us. Guide us as we seek to restore your creation. Amen.

* HYMN *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*
In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN *Children are invited forward*

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM *This Little Light of Mine* arr. Patterson

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE *Psalm 24*
Galatians 3:23-29

MEDITATION *Created for Community*

* HYMN *Touch the Earth Lightly*

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

MISSION UPDATE

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM *The Old Rugged Cross* Bennard/Brown

* HYMN *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow with Alleluias*
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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 436 *We Are Your People*

* BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *This Joyful Eastertide* arr. Bouman

* *You are invited to stand if able.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Thank you to the Riverside Ringers and Singers for joining today's Ministry of Music.

Ushers: Charlie, Bridget, Victor and Harriet Juister

Liturgist: Steven Teune

Andrew Ministers: David Harper and Connie Kelly

Coffee fellowship today is hosted by Ellen Hamilton and Mary Kemp Clarke

Trustees of the Month: George Meyer and Patti Perry-Halline