

# 713 Touch the Earth Lightly

Capo 3: (G) (Dsus) (D) (Em) (Bsus) (Bm)  
 B<sup>b</sup> 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<sup>b</sup> F7 B<sup>b</sup> 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<sup>b</sup> 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<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Gm Cm7 F B<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>

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

September 23, 2018  
 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ask an usher for audio hearing units.

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 grade and younger in the upstairs  
 childcare room.

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### CHIMING THE HOUR

### WELCOME

### WE GATHER

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

PRELUDE & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE  
 Sonata in G *Moderato*

Beethoven

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)  
 We assemble with all God's creatures in this circle of life.  
**Creator God join our circle and celebrate with us.**  
 We join in celebration with you and all creation,  
**We ask for your blessing, your *shalom*,**  
**on the creatures present here that we love,**  
**and all creatures celebrating in the wild.**

\* HYMN (Insert)

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

\* INVITATION TO PRAYER

\* PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Responsive)

God, for all the animals in the whole wide world,

**We thank you, God!**

God, for all the fun and friendship we have with animals,

**We thank you, God!**

God, for all the times we have hurt or neglected animals,

**We are sorry.**

God, for all the times we have used poisons that have killed animals,

**We are sorry.**

God, for all the times we have destroyed the homes of animals in the forests, oceans or fields,

**We are sorry.**

*Silent prayers*

\* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

\* HYMN 391 verse 1

*Take My Life*

**Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord to Thee.**

**Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**WE LISTEN**

\* HYMN FOR UNDERSTANDING 321 (vs 1)

*Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

**Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine;**

**Word of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.**

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 148

Mark 11:15-18

MEDITATION

\* HYMN (Insert)

*O Day of Peace*

**WE RESPOND**

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

A Short Story

Lichner

\* 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

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

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.**

BLESSING THE ANIMALS

**WE DEPART**

\* HYMN (Back of Bulletin)

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\* BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*\* You are invited to stand if able.*