



**LAKEVIEW UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

*Sunday, April 21st, 2024 10:00 AM Service*

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## **Order of Service 4-21-24 at Lakeview UCC**

**Today's Pianist: Dean Gilbert**

**Prelude** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Call To Worship** *(responsive)*

*One: Scripture tells us that "creation waits with eager longing for the children of God to be revealed."*

**All: Creation is waiting for us.**

*One: To open our eyes to the devastation in our world.*

**All: Creation is waiting for us.**

*One: To put the needs of the most vulnerable above the greed of the powerful.*

**All: Creation is waiting for us.**

*One: To move from doing what is easy to doing what is necessary and right.*

**All: Creation is waiting for us.**

*One: To prioritize the needs of community over the convenience of self.*

**All: Creation is waiting for us.**

*One: To remove the pollution from our seas, land, air, bodies, and hearts.*

**All: Creation is waiting for us.**

*One: In all these things and more, creation waits for us to assume our roles as its servants and protectors.*

**All: With God's help, we will answer creation's call.**

**Hymn** # 1 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

**Invocation** *(in unison) Psalm 24*

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.  
The world and all its people belong to him.  
For he laid the earth's foundation on the seas  
and built it on the ocean depths.  
Who may climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who may stand in his holy place?  
Only those whose hands and hearts are pure,  
who do not worship idols  
and never tell lies.  
They will receive the Lord's blessing  
and have a right relationship with God their savior.  
Such people may seek you  
and worship in your presence, O God of Jacob. Amen.

**Hymn # 58 This Is My Father's World**

**Sharing God's Peace**

Hebrew : shalom (sha-LOM) שלום

Children Dismissed to Sunday School

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 65  
**Today's Reader:** Mindy Raglin  
**Sermon:** Surviving in a Disposable World

**Tithes, Pledges & Offerings**

**Hymn # 60 Morning Has Broken**

**Doxology #624**

**Prayer; Joys, Concerns, & Praise**

**Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn # 560 For the Beauty of the Earth.**

**Benediction** "... and all God's people said ... Amen!"

**Postlude** "This Little Light of Mine"

## **Prayer on Earth Day**

*Creator God,*

*Thank you for the many good gifts you have given us — so much beauty and abundance in creation all around us.*

**All:     *The earth is yours, and everything in it,  
          The world and all who live in it.***

*And yet we hear creation groaning and we have heavy hearts because we know so much of creation's pain is due to our actions. Forgive us for polluting the environment through our selfish deeds, without considering the impacts on people and creation.*

**All:     *The earth is yours, and everything in it,  
          The world and all who live in it.***

*Help us fulfill Jesus' call to love our neighbors and take action to look out for one another. We remember the people on the frontline of pollution & climate change. We pray to you, Lord, that you protect them from the diseases & suffering that results & that they may find comfort in you.*

**All:     *The earth is yours, and everything in it,  
          The world and all who live in it.***

*We pray that world leaders would act on pollution & climate change, coming together to agree on an ambitious and binding policies & actions. Give wisdom and soft hearts to those involved in the negotiations. We pray for the millions of people who do the vital clean-up work. Let their voices be heard and their human rights and livelihoods protected. Oh, God, help us not to throw away opportunities to care for your creation.*

**All:     *The earth is yours, and everything in it,  
          The world and all who live in it.***

*We pray for the global church, for all the communities and people affected by pollution & climate change, that you may keep them close to you. Help us to restore and care for this beautiful earth you blessed us with. Amen!*

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 65 NLT

**Thanksgiving For Earth's Bounty: A song. A psalm of David.**

What mighty praise, O God,  
belongs to you in Zion.

We will fulfill our vows to you,  
for you answer our prayers.

All of us must come to you.

Though we are overwhelmed by our sins,  
you forgive them all.

What joy for those you choose to bring near,  
those who live in your holy courts.

What festivities await us  
inside your holy Temple.

You faithfully answer our prayers with awesome deeds,  
O God our savior.

You are the hope of everyone on earth,  
even those who sail on distant seas.

You formed the mountains by your power  
and armed yourself with mighty strength.

You quieted the raging oceans  
with their pounding waves  
and silenced the shouting of the nations.

Those who live at the ends of the earth  
stand in awe of your wonders.

From where the sun rises to where it sets,  
you inspire shouts of joy.

You take care of the earth and water it,  
making it rich and fertile.

The river of God has plenty of water;  
it provides a bountiful harvest of grain,  
for you have ordered it so.

You drench the plowed ground with rain,  
melting the clods and leveling the ridges.

You soften the earth with showers  
and bless its abundant crops.

You crown the year with a bountiful harvest;  
even the hard pathways overflow with abundance.

The grasslands of the wilderness become a lush pasture,  
and the hillsides blossom with joy.

The meadows are clothed with flocks of sheep,  
and the valleys are carpeted with grain.

They all shout and sing for joy!

**Reader:** This is the word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.