

Order of Worship Service—Earth Day Sunday#2 , May 3, 11am

PRELUDE **EMILY** Clair de Lune (from *Suite Bergamasque*)

Claude Debussy

CALL TO WORSHIP: **SCOTT** (with drum)

HYMN: Sing the Faith#2061 Creator of Mountains

CONFESSION

Leader: We have forgotten who we are
We have alienated ourselves from the unfolding of the cosmos
We have become estranged from the movements of the earth
We have turned our backs on the cycles of life.

People: **We have forgotten who we are.**

Leader: We have sought only our own security
We have exploited simply for our own ends
We have distorted our knowledge
We have abused our power.

People: **We have forgotten who we are.**

Leader: Now the land is barren
And the waters are poisoned
And the air is polluted.

People: **We have forgotten who we are**

Leader: Now the forests are dying
And the creatures are disappearing
And humans are despairing.

People: **We have forgotten who we are.**

Leader: We ask forgiveness
We ask to go beyond the mind we now have.
We ask for the strength to change, to seek a higher consciousness.

People: **May we remember who we are. (followed by brief silence, then 3 rings of the gong)**

Bible readings: Genesis 1: 1-24 Romans 8:18-27 (NRSV) Neal Long

Sung Response to scripture reading

Climate is Warming—George Steward, Australia Tune - The Ash Grove

1.As climate is warming
Will bees keep on swarming
If we just continue to damage the earth?
Will birds and sea-creatures,
With beautiful features,
Forever be lost by denying their worth?
Will trees and each flower
Succumb to the power
Of poisons and toxins we put in the air?
As ice-caps diminish,
A sign of the finish -
We must meet this crisis and show that we care.

2.If we start to measure
Some things that we treasure
It may cause us anguish to let these things go;
For comfort and leisure,
Our life-style and pleasure,
We claim we have earned and don't wish to forgo;
But we can all ponder
And face what we squander,
Then start to make change in the way that we live;
We can curb excesses;
Each harms and oppresses
The poor and the weak; we take what they don't give.

3.To greenhouse emissions
We make our additions
And by them we foster some possible gloom;
But with perseverance
We can make a difference;
We can work to limit the fuel we consume;
We'll tell each law-maker
That every green acre
Is ours to look after and not to destroy;
God's bounty possessing;
We're stewards of blessing;
We meet our commitment with challenging joy.

SERMON *Earth Day#2* **Loving Mother Earth**

Choral Anthem: King Jesus Hath a Garden

Harmonization, Charles Wood Arr. Richard Shephard

Intercessory Prayer: SCOTT—-with comments by people on FB **DEANNA** will read these in spaces of silence)...conclude with the Lord's Prayer and then **Sung Response, Come Bring Your Burdens to God, twice**

Offertory Solo: When the Rain Comes: Bonnie McClarty

Poem Caryn Miriam-Goldberg

Neal Long, tenor

Sung Prayer of Dedication Blue hymnal#595 Heleluyan (Josh, drum)

HYMN: Glory to God#69 Here I Am, Lord

Final Blessing..... Scott

SUNG RESPONSE—Lead me, Guide me—twice— QUARTET—

**Postlude EMILY On Jordan's Stormy Banks (THE PROMISED LAND)
Setting by C.E. Walz**