

Earth Day Sunday#2

April 25, 2021, 11:00 am

PRELUDE

Many And Great (tune: LACQUIPARLE)- Nicholas Palmer

Call to Return to Our Souls!

Earth—by Fred Culver

EARTH, our home,

rising above its moon,

delights and inspires everyone

who sees it from space.

Against intense cosmic black,

the blue speck evokes a deep response.

No words express the urge to care for this tiny, fragile planet.

Experiencing the world as One

awakens a new consciousness.

Instead of boundaries of fear,

a world celebrating diversity

is beginning to dawn.

Let's create community based on the indescribable beauty of the Earth

and on the tremendous freedom of the human spirit.

#26 Glory to God Earth and All Stars

CALL TO CONFESSION AND COMMITMENT

**God, we acknowledge that our life is more fragile than we understood.
We violate each other in personal relationships,
as nations, and as inept keepers of the earth's beauty.
Sharpen our sense of relationship to You.
Stir in us preference for listening over speaking,
for tenderness over aggression,
for solidarity and community over alienation.
Deepen for us the meaning of faithfulness,
and our own commitment to follow Jesus,
practice his ideas
and sustain spiritual living
within the scope of God's Love and Grace. Amen.**

#48 Glory to God Rain Down (sing twice)

Bible readings: Psalm 65: 5-14 Mark 16:9-15

SUNG RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

#2059 Sing the Faith I Am Your Mother(Earth Prayer)

Message SCOTT

Earth Day#2 Message: Thinking Globally! Acting Locally

ANTHEM

The Rain Shall Seek the Rivers- Robert J. Powell

WELCOME

MORNING PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER, SUNG RESPONSE

#469 Glory to God Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

OFFERTORY

Morgen! (Tomorrow)— Richard Strauss

Emma WitbolsFeugen, mezzo soprano

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Scott

Almighty God, You made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, galaxies and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer)

Hymn Insert

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.

4. With nature so fragile,
Yet dazzling and fertile,
We ponder its beauty, its charm and its grace;
Evolving triumphant
With life so abundant -
Confounded we are with so much to embrace;
Yet these green-house gases
Pollute in their masses;
We need to decrease them; we know that we should!
When nature is bleeding
We hear urgent pleading
To change our behaviour; we know how we could!

5. If we stop this warming
Then bees will keep swarming
And sweetness of honey remain for our taste;
Then birds and sea creatures
And hills and sea beaches
Will stay in their magic, unharmed by our waste;
The charm every hour
Of trees and each flower
Will bring us to silence in wonder and awe;
With God so surrounding
In beauty astounding
We kneel in God's presence to praise and adore.

BLESSING

SUNG BENEDICTION RESPONSE

#595 Presbyterian Hymnal, Blue Heleluyan(both stanzas)

POSTLUDE

**Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (tune: WESTMINSTER
ABBEY, Henry Purcell)—Stan Pethel**