

Earth Day Sunday!

April 18, 2021, 11:00 am

PRELUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth (Conrad Kocher, 1838)— setting by Rudy Davenport

Call to Return to Our Souls!

Pastor: Planet Earth, spinning silently through space:

Quartet: Celebrate your beauty and your grace,

Pastor: In our solar system, your special place!

Quartet: Planet Earth, gleaming green and blue:

Pastor: Rejoice in your ocean currents as they dance and swirl with hope.

Quartet: Planet Earth, pulsing with life:

Pastor: Join in praise with all your fauna & flora as they sing praise to God.

Quartet Planet Earth, enveloped in the breath of the Living Spirit God:

Pastor: Bless all your creatures this day with the life-giving breath of God.

Quartet: Planet Earth, our precious, fragile home:

Pastor: Celebrate, with all your children, God's presence in our planet home,

Quartet: Spin, Planet Earth, spin!

Pastor: Sing, Planet Earth, sing!

Quartet: We celebrate the song of our planet!

Pastor: Sing! Planet Earth! Sing!

#713 **Glory to God** **Touch the Earth Lightly**

CALL TO CONFESSION AND COMMITMENT

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.
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.

Leader: We have forgotten who we are.
Now the land is barren
And the waters are poisoned
And the air is polluted.

People: We have forgotten who we are
Now the forests are dying
And the creatures are disappearing
And humans are despairing.

Leader: We ask forgiveness

People: We ask for the gift of remembering

Leader: We ask for the strength to change.

All: We have forgotten who we are.

Insert **The Little Blue Top**

Bible readings: **Job 37 (read as a prayer to God) Romans 8:19-23**

SUNG RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

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

Message **SCOTT** **Let's Develop Deeper Earth Consciousness**

ANTHEM

Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree- Kyle Johnson

WELCOME

MORNING PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER, SUNG RESPONSE

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

OFFERTORY

Land and Sea (from *Weather-Telling*)

Poem by Elizabeth Schultz; Music, Bonnie McLarty

Neal Long, tenor

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Shawnee Traveling Song—spoken

Leader: I am walking upon the earth; the earth is my mother.

People: **Wherever I walk, I am home.**

Leader: I am walking with the people who love me; their love surrounds me.

People: **Wherever I walk, I am loved.**

Leader: I am walking on the circle of Creator; Creator above, Creator below.

People: **Wherever I walk, I am with Creator.**

Leader: I am walking upon the earth with **people who love me on the circle of**

Creator. **People: I am always home.**

Leader: I am always loved.

People: **I am with Creator.**

#22 Glory to God God of the Sparrow

BLESSING Scott

SUNG BENEDICTION RESPONSE

#80 Glory to God You Shall Go Out with Joy(*The Trees of the Field*)

POSTLUDE

His Eye Is on the Sparrow—(Charles H. Gabriel, 1905)- setting by Mark Patterson