



Second Sunday of Easter

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Centenary United Methodist Church

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Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship *For the Beauty of the Earth* 92 UMH

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us dwell in God's shelter. Let us dwell in God's work of art. Come, because the Earth is the Lord's, And God's Earth is our home.

People: We live in God's World; we are not alone. We share this life with the heavens and the earth, With the waters and the land, With trees and grasses, With fish, birds, and animals, With minerals and creatures of every form, And with all our brothers and sisters.

Leader: God is good and everything God makes is good.

ALL: God is love and everything God makes is love's fruit. Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty. Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness. For the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Hymn *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* 304 UMH

The Lord's Prayer Liturgy

(From Limestone Presbyterian Church, "The Lord's Prayer and Creation Care: A Litany of Confession ." Written by Revs. Bruce and Carolyn Gillette.)

Loving God, we remember that Jesus taught us to pray saying,
"Our Father..."

You created us, you made this world, and you called your creation very good. Yet often we forget that you are our loving Parent who continues to bless your world.

Jesus told us that you are "...in heaven..."

Yet we fail to live in awe of you. We take you for granted, and we don't see the awesome beauty of the world you have made.

We pray, "Hallowed be your name..."

We confess that our reverence for you does not always lead us to care reverently for your earth, sky and sea.

We pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven..."

We confess that we often put our own interests first-exploiting your creation, and living for our own convenience and self-interest.

We pray, "Give us today our daily bread."

We confess that we consume more than our share of the world's resources, while billions go hungry every day and your whole creation suffers.

We pray, “Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.”

We confess that we see these words only in spiritual terms, while the Bible is filled with teachings about economic justice and creation care.

We pray, “Save us from the time of trial.”

Help us to resist the temptations of spending more, using more, acquiring more, and wasting more.

We pray, “Deliver us from evil...”

Free us from greed and self-centeredness that separate us from you and others.

We pray, “For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.”

Help us to know that in caring for your wonderful world, we are working for your kingdom, being good stewards of your creative power, and giving you glory.

We pray, “Amen.”

We end our prayers with “Amen,” a word that means “let it be so.” We know we can be faithful disciples by your grace. Amen!

Psalter Psalm 65

We Worship with our Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory *Dona Nobis Pacem*

376 UMH

Gospel Lesson	John 20: 19-33	
Hymn	<i>All Creatures of our God and King</i>	62 UMH
Sermon	“God of Heaven and Earth”	Rev. Kelley Groce
Affirmation of Faith	The Apostle’s Creed Traditional	881 UMH
Hymn	<i>The Day of Resurrection</i>	303 UMH
Benediction		
<p>May God, who established the dance of creation, who marveled at the lilies of the field, who transforms chaos to order, lead us to transform our lives and the Church to reflect God’s glory in creation.</p>		
Choral Benediction	<i>This is My Father’s World</i>	144 UMH