

The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church

April 21, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Earth Justice Sunday



**Whoever you are, from wherever you come,
you are welcome here.**

*The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church seeks to be a congregation where God is the center of our lives;
we celebrate children and youth and equip them with faith to meet life's challenges;
we work for justice in local and global communities.*

We Gather Together

The Prelude

(b.1949)

Royal Oak
Trio on *The Ash Grove*

Mary Beth Bennett (b.1954)
Michael Bedford

Greeting and Announcements

The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert

Introit

This is My Father's World
The Children's Choir

***The Call to Worship**

Elder Carolynn Race

Behold, how manifold are God's works!

God has made them all in wisdom.

The earth is God's and everything in it.

Let all of creation praise God's awesome deeds!

***Hymn 14**

For the Beauty of the Earth

Dix

*The congregation is invited to stand. **Bold indicates congregational response.**

Please use a connection card found in the pew to write your prayer concern and hand it to an usher or put it in the zoom chat and it will be included in the Joys and Concerns later in the service.

***The Prayer of Confession**

God of change, we want to be transformed:

Where there is forgetfulness about the earth,
let us remind people, we are the earth.

Where there is only talk about private property,
let us remind folks that the earth belongs to you.

When we only preach and pray about humans,
let us pray with animals and plants, rivers and mountains.

Where there is a spirituality of words only,
may we touch the ground, lean on a tree, hold a plant,
breathe a long breath. and listen to the birds.

In your mercy, save us, help us save ourselves.

A time of silence will be kept for our personal prayers of confession.

***Assurance of Pardon**

God's promises are sure.

God's love is eternal.

Hear and believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***The Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,

Let us forgive one another.

The peace of our risen Christ be with you all!

And also with you!

***The People's Response**

Ellacombe

*I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise;
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.*

Time with Children

*Following the Time with Children, Sunday School is available for children ages 3 – Grade 12.
Childcare is available for children ages 2 and younger.*

Gathering Song

Ellacombe

*I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!*

We Share Community Joys and Concerns

Joys and Concerns

Please chat box and/or email us your prayer concerns and we will include them in the prayer list.

The Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father and Mother, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Hear the Word

The Prayer for Illumination

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 1:1, 26-28, 31
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Pew Bible, OT pg. 1

Sermon

Earth Day Messengers
Ava Silson, Oliver Toussaint, and Benji Cherukuri

We Respond to God's Word

*Litany of Thanksgiving

Sung response: *Many and great, O God, are thy works, Maker of earth and sky.*

~ Hymn 21, Dakota chant+

Accompanying drum crafted by Chris Lefthand(2017), Taos Pueblo, New Mexico

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

The Hunger Offering will be received today.

Offertory Anthem

Christ Hath a Garden

Gerald Near (b.1942)

Christ hath a garden walled around, a paradise of fruitful ground,
Chosen by love and fenced by grace from out the world's wide wilderness.

Like trees of spice his servants stand, there planted by his mighty hand;
By Eden's gracious streams, that flow to feed their beauty where they grow.

Awake, O wind of heav'n and bear their sweetest perfume through the air:
Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom, till the beloved Master come:

That he may come, and linger yet among the trees that he hath set;
That he may evermore be seen to walk amid the springing green.

~Isaac Watts

*The People's Thanksgiving

Ellacombe

*There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow; by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
And everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.*

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Royal Oak

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Grand Choeur

Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)

***Leaders in worship include,** The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert, Senior Pastor; Julie Vidrick Evans, Director of Music; The Chancel Choir; Ava Silson, Oliver Toussaint, Benji Cherukuri, Messengers; Earth Stewards, litany; Carolynn Race, Liturgist. The flowers today are given by Jacksie Chatlas in honor of Dr. Jessica Desrosiers and her son, Isaiah Dennis for their birthdays.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR: April 21st-28th

Sunday, April 21st	9:00 – 12:00 9:00 – 10:00 10:00 – 11:00 10:15 – 11:15 11:00 – 12:15 11:00 – 12:00 11:15 – 12:00 11:30 – 1:00 4:00 – 5:00	Nursery Childcare — Room 108 Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary Worship — Sanctuary and Zoom https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpsN2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zz09 Sunday School — Rooms 108, 360, 350A (Calvin Hall) & Firesides Coffee Hour — Chadsey Hall Faith Trek — CCPC Conference Room Children’s Choir Rehearsal — Room 308 ESL Classes — Rooms 104, 122 & 130 Apollo Orchestra Concert – Sanctuary
Monday, April 22nd	5:00 – 6:00	APNC Meeting
Tuesday, April 23rd	9:00 – 12:00 12:30 – 2:30	TAP Open — Office & Waiting Room Needlework Group — CCPC Library
Thursday, April 25th	7:30 – 9:15	Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary, Room 300
Friday, April 26th	7:45 – 8:45	Men’s Spirituality Group Meeting—Chadsey Hall
Saturday April 27th	9:30 – 12:30	Friendship Place Walk – Lincoln Memorial
Sunday, April 28th	9:00 – 12:00 9:00 – 10:00 10:00 – 11:00 10:15 – 11:15 11:00 – 12:15 11:00 – 12:00 11:15 – 12:00 11:30 – 1:00	Nursery Childcare — Room 108 Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary Worship — Sanctuary and Zoom https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpsN2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zz09 Sunday School — Rooms 108, 360, 350A (Calvin Hall) & Firesides Coffee Hour — Chadsey Hall Faith Trek — CCPC Conference Room Children’s Choir Rehearsal — Room 308 ESL Classes — Rooms 104, 122 & 130

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