

The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church

April 23, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Earth Justice Sunday



Photo from 2019 trip to Shikokho, Kenya

**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	All Things Bright and Beautiful	Michael Hassell (b.1942)
The Greeting		The Rev. Keith Thompson
Introit	Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!	Melchior Vulpius, 1609
*The Call to Worship (from Psalm 104)		Sawyer Massey
Bless the Lord, O my soul!		
O Lord our God, you are very great!		
You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.		
You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills.		
You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use.		
May the glory of the Lord endure forever.		
Bless the Lord, O my soul!		
Let us praise the Lord!		
*Hymn 32	I Sing the Mighty Power of God	Ellacombe

*Those who are able are invited to stand. **Bold indicates congregational response.**

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Julie Haifley

Creator God,

We confess that we have become alienated from Earth,
viewing this planet as disposable,
a source of endless resources,
a mere stopping place en route to heaven.

We are sorry.

We have polluted Earth's waters with toxins.
We have turned our greed into climate change.
We have helped cause arctic regions to melt.
We have loved progress more than the planet.

We are sorry.

Teach us to love Earth as our home and the planet as a precious sanctuary.

Time for silent confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, in the light of the resurrection, we are called to new life:
life filled with forgiveness and redemption.

Hear this good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*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!

*People's Response

Hymn 15, st. 4

*All who for love of God forgive, all who in pain and sorrow grieve,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ bears your burdens and your fears; so even in the midst of tears,
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Lasst uns erfreuen

Time with Children

The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert

Preschoolers through grade 12 are invited to go to Sunday School. Nursery is available.

*The Gathering Hymn

Hymn 15, st. 3

*O brother fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shadows of the night. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, who day by day unfolds such blessings on our way,
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

We Share Community Joys and Concerns

Joys and Concerns

Please write your prayers in the chat box on zoom. Your prayer will be read in worship and included in the email prayer list. If you would like to submit a confidential prayer request, please email a pastor.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

... We ask these things in the name of the one who teaches us to pray together saying,

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.

We Hear the Word

The Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, you molded us from the dust of the cosmos and breathed life into us. Help us to hear in these words how your Spirit continues to move among and through us. Amen.

The Lesson

Genesis 41:14-36

Pew Bible+ OT, page 37

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Preparing for the Hard Times

The Rev. Keith Thompson

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn 23

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Pleading Savior

*Affirmation of Faith

From A Brief Statement of Faith (1992)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

**In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male, female, of every race and people, to live as one community.**

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

**Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

**In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Music at the Offertory

In Thee is Gladness

Daniel Kallman (b.1956)

A setting of the German Chorale *In dir ist freude*

derived from one of many balletti (dance-like songs) written by Giovanni G. Gastoldi, a priest and composer from Mantua, Italy.

*The People's Response

Hymn 15, st. 6

O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!

Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Royal Oak

*Charge and Benediction

***Leaders in worship include** The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert, *Senior Pastor*; The Rev. Keith Thompson, *Acting Associate Pastor*; Julie Vidrick Evans, *Director of Music*; Chancel Choir; Sawyer Massey, Julie Haifley, *Liturgists*.
The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God

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WEEKLY CALENDAR April 23 – April 30, 2023		
Sunday, April 23	9:00 – 12:00 10:00 – 11:00 10:15 – 11:15 11:00 – 12:15 11:00 – 12:00 11:15 – 12:30 11:15 – 12:00 1:00 – 2:30	Childcare — Room 108 Worship — Sanctuary and Zoom at https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpsN2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zz09 Sunday School — Rooms 180, 370, 360, 350A (Calvin Hall), Firesides Coffee Hour — Chadsey Hall Faith Trek — Conference Room Inquirers' Class — Firesides Chapel Choir — Room 308 ESL Classes — Rooms 104, 122, 130
Tuesday, April 25	12:30 – 2:30	Needlework Group – CCPC Library
Wednesday, April 26	11:00 – 12:00	Bible Study – Firesides and Online at https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/84457247511?pwd=UWV5alJrcGhJUUhCNu85OUQwYjJLdz09
Thursday, April 27	7:30 – 9:15	Chancel Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary and Room 300
Sunday, April 30	9:00 – 12:00 10:00 – 11:00 10:15 – 11:15 11:00 – 12:15 11:00 – 12:00 11:15 – 12:00 11:15 – 1:00 1:00 – 2:30 4:00-6:00	Childcare — Room 108 Worship — Sanctuary and Zoom at https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpsN2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zz09 Sunday School — Rooms 180, 370, 360, 350A (Calvin Hall), Firesides Coffee Hour — Chadsey Hall Faith Trek — Conference Room Chapel Choir — Room 308 New Member Lunch ESL Classes — Rooms 104, 122,130 CCPC Concert Series final concert Season 52 – Apollo Orchestra — Sanctuary