The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church

April 24, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

The Second Sunday of Easter **Earth Justice Sunday**



Susquehanna River as seen from International Space Station, NASA

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 Lobe den Herren Johann Walther

The Greeting The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert

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.

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

*The Call to Worship (from Psalm 104)

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 34, vs. 1,3,4

Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being!

*Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

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 artic 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!

Time with Children

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

Moment for Ministry Dennis Leister

We Share Community Joys and Concerns

Joys and Concerns

Please write your prayers on the connection card in the pew or in the chat box on zoom. We will read your prayer in worship and include them 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

Tom Morgan

Rustington

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

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 Lessons

Genesis 2:7-9, 15

⁷ then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. ⁸ And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil... ¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

Psalm 104:24-30

- ²⁴O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- ²⁵ Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.
- ²⁶ There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.
- ²⁷These all look to you to give them their food in due season;
- ²⁸ when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
- ²⁹ When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
- ³⁰ When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

Mark 4:35-41

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷ A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Acts 4:32-35

³² Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³ With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them

all. 34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. 35 They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

> The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon Renew the Face of the Earth Rev. Kolya Braun-Greiner

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn 36 For the Fruit of All Creation Ar hyd y nos

*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 On Sacred Ground Words and Music by Brad Hunter

*The People's Response

Christ Is Alive!

Truro

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,

Hymn 246, vs. 5

till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty Lobe den Herren

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude All Creatures of Our God and King Mark Sedio

*Leaders in worship include, Kolya Braun-Greiner, Guest Preacher; The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert, Senior Pastor; Julie Vidrick Evans, Director of Music; Chancel Choir; Lou Duff, Bobbi Brown, Dennis Leister, Tom Morgan, Rosemary Killen, Julie Haifley, Liturgists. The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and In loving memory of their brothers and parents by Dick and Barbara Riegel, The flowers are from the Service of Witness to the Resurrection for Bill Bedenbaugh held yesterday, April 23, by the family, In memory of Lydia & Jacob Kasab and of Anne & Irby Seay, In loving memory of Alice Holland by her family, In Memory of Mary Ellen and Larry Wiser.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR		
April 24 – May 1, 2022		
Sunday, April 24	9:00 – 12:00	Childcare — Room 108
	10:00 - 11:00	Worship — Sanctuary and Zoom at
		https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpsN2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zzo9
	10:15 - 11:00	Sunday School — Chadsey Hall
	11:00 - 12:15	Fellowship Hour — CCPC Parking Lot and Chadsey Hall
	11:15 - 12:00	Youth Choir — Room 308
	11:30 - 12:30	Faith Trek — Online at NEW LINK
		https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/81332732114?pwd=NoZqb2lBYzNKVGEyeUJJZXFGS3lLZzog
	4:00 - 5:00	DCFlutes Concert — CCPC Sanctuary
Tuesday, April 26	12:30 - 2:30	Needlework Group – CCPC Library
Wednesday, April 27	11:00 - 12:00	Bible Study – Online at
		https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/84457247511?pwd=UWV5alJrcGhJUVhCNU85OUQwYjlLdzo9
Thursday, April 28	2:00 - 3:00	Coffee with Pastor Keith – Online at
		https://zoom.us/j/93390906145?pwd=QVJqdFNSU0YzUmVlc3dSYS82RWRaUT09
	7:30 - 8:30	Chancel Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary and Room 300
Sunday, May 1	9:00 – 12:00	Childcare — Room 108
	10:00 - 11:00	Worship — Sanctuary and Zoom at
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