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The Service of Worship

The Third Sunday of Easter –Year A  
Earth Day



April 19, 2026

10:30 am

Prelude

"Meditation on Peace Like a River"

Brenda Portman

Welcome and Announcements

Consistory Leader

Hymn for worship

NCH #5 "Praise To God"

SAKURA

Canticle of The Creatures by  
St Francis of Assisi

(see insert)

Hymn

NCH #7: "All People That on  
Earth Do Dwell"

OLD HUNDREDTH

1 Peter 1:3-9

Chorus: MV #25 "O God,  
Send Out Your Spirit"

(see insert)

Sharing Our Joys, Concerns, and Prayers:

**“Oh God of Mystery and Wonder, keep in your essence the ones we have named here, and the ones we hold deep in our hearts. We ask your mercy for the sins we have committed against your creation. We ask for mercy for the ones who are committing crimes against your creation, and humanity. Give us strength to listen to the wind and the rustling brook, and keep alive in us the joy of Your creation. You made flora, fauna, and all humans in Your holy image. Let us work to keep Your wonderfully made people safe, fed, and loved in all ways. God of Love and Light, renew our strength daily, and protect us in our homes, our community, and throughout the world. Amen”**

Chorus: “O God, Send Out Your Spirit” (see insert)

Gospel: Bethany Fuss  
John 20: 19-31

Hymn: NCH #244 “O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing” O FILII ET FILLIAE

The Message: “Friendship” Nancy Ciesla

Choral Response: “Peace, I leave With You” Ray Repp

Dedication of Our Gifts: NCH #781

Benediction Nancy Ciesla

Postlude