

First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

4th Sunday of Easter/Earth Day Sunday

April 22, 2018

10:45 a.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude *Pastoral Interlude* H. Parker

Introit *For the Beauty of the Earth* Rutter

Call to Worship

Who is the God whom we have come to worship?

God – the creator of all, the One who still creates.

The creator of the birds and trees, wind and seas?

God – the creator of all things seen and unseen.

The creator of the creeping things and bubbling springs?

God – the creator of mountains and plains, and even you and me.

Then let us worship the God of creation,

The God of all things great and small.

*Hymn 20 *All Things Bright and Beautiful* ROYAL OAK

Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

based on Genesis 1

God of all Creation, on the first day, you made day and night.

Forgive us for taking for granted the dependable patterns of your world.

Open our eyes to see the beauty of the cosmos you created as our home.

On the second day, you made the sky.

Forgive us for polluting the air. Help us to see how best to restore and renew your creation.

On the third day, you made the seas and plants.

Forgive us for spoiling the seas. Give us resolve to change our hurtful habits.

On the fourth day you made the sun and moon.

Forgive us for failing to pause in praise of their splendor. Open our lips so that we will sing your praise.

On the fifth day, you made swarms of living creatures.

Forgive us for seeing their value only in terms of serving our interests. Give us new opportunities to delight in their beauty and diversity.

On the sixth day, you made humankind in your image.

Forgive us for denying dignity to all your people. Work through us until all know their worth as your creatures.

On the seventh day, you rested.

Forgive us for failing to take joy in our rest. Help us enter your rhythm of rest, even on this day of worship. Though Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

..... steadfast love of God is from everlasting to everlasting. Children of God, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*Song of Praise 240 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* ALLELUIA NO.1

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

*The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Before sitting, please greet those around you with words of Christ's peace.)

Words of Welcome

Please sign the black friendship pad and pass to others in your pew.
Children are welcome to participate in the Children in Worship program.

Minute for Mission

Response

Day of Delight Beauty Unbounded

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HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Isaiah 40: 21-31 (p. 668)

Psalm

Psalm 148

Second Lesson

Genesis 2: 4-22 (p. 2)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Beloved Creation, Beloved Community

The Rev. J. C. Cadwallader

*Hymn 23

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

PLEADING SAVIOR

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

from Confession of 1967

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals God's love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful humanity. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humanity. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator.

Life is a gift to be received with gratitude, and a task to pursue with courage. Humanity is free to seek their life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

Christ Hath a Garden
Angela Daniels, solo

Daley

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your creation. Amen.

The Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

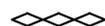
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power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

*Hymn 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST DENIO

*Benediction

Postlude *Fantasy on "Earth and All Stars"* Johnson

*Those who prefer to do so may remain seated.



Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of New Haven. We are glad you are here. We seek to be a warm and welcoming community of Christian people. If you are new to this congregation, please introduce yourself to others sitting around you, and to the pastor, so that we may welcome you personally. During the Words of Welcome, add your name to the Friendship Pad. Please plan to stay for the Friendship Hour following the service.

Participating in worship leadership this morning are:

Liturgist: Theo Gill
Ushers: Ernie Bodenweber, Jean Murray
Cantor: Ken Balakrishnan
Friendship Hour Hosts: The Williams family

Nursery care is provided each morning in the Owens Community Building nursery. Infants and children are also welcome in the service and encouraged to participate fully in worship. A rocking chair is available nearby in the Copeland Room, and bulletins for ages 3-6 and 7-12 are found at the entrance.

The Reverend J.C. Cadwallader may be reached at her email: PastorJC@fpcnh.org or the church phone (203) 562-5664. Mondays are her day off.

Adult Ed Next Sunday, April 29 @ 9:30 a.m. – The first of a two-week series presented by Andrew McCloskey, who will speak about his life and work as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Mozambique.

Sunday School for Children and Youth resumes next week, April 29th at 9:30 a.m.

May Inkling Deadline is Wednesday morning, April 25th. Please submit your articles and announcements to the church office (firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com) by 9:00 a.m.

Bible Study continues to meet Wednesdays at 2 p.m. The group will preview next Sunday's scripture readings. Contact Ralph Jones if you want to join.

Goody Bags-Part 2 next Sunday: It's that time again! Students will be gearing up for the end of school. We like to make their study time a little easier by providing yummy snacks for them to enjoy! Next Sunday, April 29, we'll prepare Goody Bags for 20 of our local students to take home that day. Please bring your goodies to the Copeland Room where Jean McCloskey and her crew will assemble them.

Walk Against Hunger, next Sunday April 29@1:00 p.m. – Lighthouse Park New Haven: Join Team First Presbyterian for a hunger free Connecticut! Your participation on the First Pres team will help us feed families who rely on the network of more than 650 local food-assistance programs served by the Connecticut Food Bank. To join or for further information, just go to www.ctfoodbank.org/walk and click on Support a Team or Walker. Search for Team First Presbyterian and click on the team name. From there you can sign up to walk or make a donation to our team. Questions? contact Jane Hindenlang.

Refresh and Room Changes: The Copeland Room is getting a refresh and our classrooms are too! Be sure to poke around and take a look at the exciting changes. To give you an idea of what has been moved: the library (which used to be in the first room on the Sunday School side of the sanctuary building) has been moved to one of the classrooms in the Owens Building and a new parlor for adult gatherings is being formed. The couches have been removed from that room and redistributed to the Sunday School classrooms in the sanctuary building - which now includes a new craft room for our children and youth Sunday School classes. When you see them, please thank Pat Wales and Dick Hasbany for reorganizing our library, and Kimberley for creating warm and wonderful space for our children to learn and play. And, a HUGE thank-you to the folks at EMERGE for helping us rearrange our rooms so that we can better use our space.

Volunteers needed! Signup sheets for ushering and Friendship Hour are on clipboards in Copeland Room. If you're unsure about how to do the task, there are instructions under the signup sheet (and we email them to you with a reminder the week before.)

Food Donations for Needy: Pick up an extra item at the grocery store to help fill the green wheelbarrow in the Copeland Room. At the end of each month the food is delivered to Christian Community Action's emergency food pantry. These are the items most in demand at CCA's food pantry: Top: white (not brown) rice, cereal, canned fruit (fresh fruit on last Sunday of the month), peanut butter and jams/jellies. Secondary: macaroni & cheese, pasta (not whole wheat), tomato sauces, canned/dry beans, ground/instant coffee, sugar, oils for cooking, cake mixes. Note that they do NOT need canned *green* vegetables.

Music Notes: The text of today's anthem is a poem that the British poet Robert Bridges (1844-1930) adapted from an earlier poem by the hymn writer Isaac Watts. It's a lovely poem for Earth Day--one well worth reading, as well as singing.

*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 heaven, 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.*

Earth Day Building a Garden - Caring for Creation: As God's beloved children, we are called to care for the earth and all the creatures within. As stewards of this particular land, the Mission and Property Committees are working together to identify native plants which support pollinators to plant around our property. And, we need your help! On this Earth Day Sunday, we encourage you to buy a plant in honor or in memory of someone or something you dearly love to be planted in the earth in May. The suggested offering for each plant will be \$5.

Fill out the form below and attach to a check made out to First Presbyterian Church. If you would like to email your order, please send the information below to the church office (firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com) and drop off a check by next Sunday.

And, if you are able, you are then invited to come on Saturday, May 12 to help plant our beloved garden.



I would like to place an order for the Care of Creation garden.

I would like _____ (# of plants at \$5/plant)

I would like it them to be:

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

MY NAME: _____



In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. (Philippians 4:6)

When you pray, offer prayers for ...

Our country and its leaders.

Church members and friends who seek God's healing grace, including Ken Haynam, at Benchmark Senior Living in Hamden.

Jeff Miller, David Miller's brother, who is recovering from surgery.

Kathy Milligan, who is ill.

Gordon Ambach who has been ill.

Molly Myers, a friend of the Latham family.

Stuart Fritts, who is recovering at home.

Jean Struble, Joan Wells' sister-in-law, who is ill.

Those who mourn or are victims of gun violence.

The young people who seek change.

Nelson Pinos Gonzalez and Sujitno Sajuti, our immigrant neighbors who are in local sanctuary churches.

People who are homeless.

James Smit and Patrick Copeland, who are serving in the armed forces.

Those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis.

Prayers for other people and situations in need of our supplications.

This Week

Sunday, April 22

9:30 a.m.

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

10:45 a.m.

Worship

12:00 p.m.

Friendship Hour

5:30 p.m.

Confirmation Dinner

Tuesday, April 24

6:00 p.m.

Worship Committee

7:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Coordinating Team

Wednesday, April 25

9:00 a.m.

May Inkling Deadline

2:00 p.m.

Bible Study

7:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 26

9:30 a.m.

Staff Meeting

Saturday, April 28

9:30 a.m.

Women's AA

Sunday, April 29

9:30 a.m.

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

10:45 a.m.

Worship

12:00 p.m.

Friendship Hour

1:00 p.m.

Walk Against Hunger

The Session of First Presbyterian Church

Class of 2018	John Dinkler Robert Williams	Phillip Phiri
Class of 2019	Lucy Ambach Fiona Scott Morton	Rona Johnston Mary Porterfield
Class of 2020	Sue Balakrishnan Jennifer Herbst	Jennifer Ballew Timothy McConnell
Clerk	Tim McCloskey	
Treasurer	Mike Spicer	

First Presbyterian Church of New Haven is a More Light Congregation and part of Presbyterian Promise. Both organizations are dedicated to the full inclusion of lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual and questioning individuals.

The Staff of First Presbyterian Church

Pastor:	The Reverend J. C. Cadwallader
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Church Administrator:	Martha Smith
Christian Educator:	Kimberley Fais
Nursery Care Provider:	Emily Landino

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Please remember that parking is available at the Hooker School on Sunday mornings when lawn or street parking is unavailable.

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