

June 13, 2021
Third Sunday after Pentecost



Flower Garden, Gustav Klimt, 1905-1907

We are filled with joy at your presence and hope you experience God's Spirit as you worship and meet with those around you. If you would like more information about RPC, please talk with any Session member or the Pastor.

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GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
maker of heaven and earth.

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Gathering Hymn

Touch the Earth Light

#713

1 Touch the earth lightly,
use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder,
ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

2 We who endanger,
who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster
clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

3 Let there be greening,
birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden,
hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete

4 God of all living,
God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow, and the sun,
teach us, deflect us,

**Christ reconnect us,
using us gently and making us one.**

Opening Prayer

Lord, may be love all your creation,
All the earth and every grain of sand in it.
For we acknowledge unto you that all is like an ocean,
All is flowing and blending,
And that to withhold any measure of love
From anything in your universe
Is to withhold that same measure from you.
Amen.

Call to Confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins. Trusting in God's grace, let us, together, confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

**Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our failure to be what you created us to be.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
By your loving mercy,
help us to live in your light
and abide in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

Silence is kept for personal confession

Assurance of Pardon

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God,
Amen.**

**Our God is an awesome God
who reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love;
our God is an awesome God!**

THE WORD

A Time with the Children

First Reading

Genesis 2:4b-2:9

Lay Leader: Phil Ruxton

In the day that the LORD^[a] God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶ but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— ⁷ then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground,^[b] 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. ⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Telling Stories

Unity Hymn

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

#407

**1 Spirit divine, attend our prayers,
and make this house your home.
Descend with all your gracious powers.
O come, great Spirit, come!**

**2 Come as the light. To us reveal
our emptiness and woe.
And lead us in those paths of life
where all the righteous go.**

**3 Come as the fire and purge our hearts
like sacrificial flame.
Let our whole soul an offering be
to our Redeemer's name.**

**4 Come as the dove and spread your wings,
the wings of peaceful love.
And let the church on earth become
blest as the church above.**

Together, We Confess Our Faith

The Apostle's Creed (Traditional)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

RESPONDING

Invitation to Present Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

#606

Prayer of Dedication

Eternal God,
we praise you that your glory has dawned on us,

and brought us into this Day of Resurrection.
We rejoice that the grave could not hold your Son,
and that he has conquered death,
risen to rule over all powers of this earth.
We praise you that he summons us into new life,
to follow him with joy and gladness.
By your Spirit,
lift us from doubt and despair,
and set our feet in Christ's holy way,
that our lives may be signs of his life,
and all we have may show forth his love.
Praise, glory, and thanksgiving to you,
our God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING

Opportunities for Service and Fellowship

Sending Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King

#15

**1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**2 O brother wind with clouds and rain,
you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for your Lord to hear.
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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!

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

Blessing and Charge

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

Alleluia!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Amen.

Response

Be Still and Know That I Am God

#414

Be still and know that I am God.

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Postlude