

Welcome!

First Congregational Church
of Webster Groves United Church of Christ



Seek Christ in each. Serve God in all.

APRIL 11, 2021



*We respond to God's call by welcoming everyone
regardless of ability, age, ethnicity, race, gender identity,
sexual orientation or socio-economic background.*

*To proclaim in word and deed the love of Christ,
we affirm that all may share in the full life, ministry, fellowship,
responsibilities and blessing of our congregation.*

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.*

“What I stand for is what I stand on.”

Wendell Berry

PRELUDE

Forest Muse

Oikos Ensemble

WELCOME

Halley Kim

L: Come walk with me. We will walk into the heart of the forest.

P: High onto the mountains?

L: Indeed. And down to the coral reefs. To all that lives and grows in the deep.

P: Also to the street corners and to the tall buildings of our cities?

L: Yes, those as well. We will go to all the spaces made sacred...

All: And we will together...we will hear the sound of a heart beat and an earth beat.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Marilyn Davis

God of grace and glory, creator of peaks, extravagant plains, broad rivers and tumbling creeks, forest floors slick with mud or brittle with drought you call each one of us by name for we are your children. You call us your co-creators. In the velvet night under your myriad stars, you speak to us through the night winds, slow and haunting. Still...we restlessly wait for your Spirit and your Word. Wrap us in wonder and rock us gently like a mother rocks her child. Lead us as a father showing the world to his children.

RAISING THE COVENANT

Covenant of 1977

We who are called of God into this Christian community covenant together: to seek to know the will of God, to experience the joy and struggle of discipleship, to proclaim in word and deed the love of Christ, and to work for peace and justice among all people. We trust God's promise of grace and forgiveness and the presence of the Holy Spirit in our trials and rejoicing

HYMN

Praise to God

Nobuaki Hanaoka
#5 New Century Hymnal

v. 1: **Praise to God, praise to God, for the greenness of the trees,
for the beauty of the flowers, for the blessing of the sky, for the greatness of the sea.
Praise to God, praise to God, now and forever more.**

v. 2: **Thanks to God, thanks to God, for the gift of friends in Christ,
For the church, our house of faith, for the gift of wondrous love,
For the gift of endless grace. Thanks to God, thanks to God, now and forever more.**

GRACE NOTE (unison)

**For the beauty of the earth—that we have not seen,
For the beauty of the earth—that we have not preserved,
For the beauty of the earth—that we have damaged,
Or been silent at its destruction,
Forgive us God.**

**For the joy of human love—that we have ignored.
For the joy of human love—dying while we watch another channel,
For the joy of human love—that we damage by our personal sins\
And faraway complicities,
Forgive us God.**

Amen

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God teaches us to raise a song of praise, not only with our lips open,
but with widespread hearts and hands.

We are forgiven and given responsibility again—
for the beautiful earth and all aspects of human love.

Amen

NOT FOR CHILDREN ONLY

Childhood stories – Tia Richardson

Childhood stories – Mick Smyer

Marilyn Davis

MUSIC MEDITATION

Wellspring

Oikos Ensemble

THE WORD SHARED

Job 12: 7-12

Psalms 104: 25-31

Mark 2: 21-22

Roger Barnes

Halley Kim

Rev. Jan Barnes

MESSAGE FOR THE MORNING

Planting Our Feet

JAZZ PRAYER

Earth Walk

Oikos Ensemble

LORD'S PRAYER (Unison, led by Roger Barnes)

**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, and the
power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

HYMN

As One

Oikos Ensemble

v. 1 Solo by Arianna

The world can no longer be a place where fear and hatred abound.

If love is our guide, peace shall reside, and unity bind us as one.

v. 1, 2, 3 Congregation

v.1 The world can no longer be a place where fear and hatred abound.

If love is our guide, peace shall reside, and unity bind us as one.

v.2 The world no longer should be defaced and scarred by garbage and greed

Let's clean up this mess, ease the distress, embracing our planet as one.

v.3 The world God gave us should be a place where no one wanders alone.

Let's open the door, strangers no more, together and living as one.

CLOSING THOUGHTS

Closing Thoughts from Tia Richardson (Journey Thru Creation)

Closing Thoughts from Mick Smyer (Journey Thru Creation)

CLOSING THOUGHTS

Rev. Jan Barnes

BLESSING

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POSTLUDE

Joy Dawned Again

Oikos Ensemble



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