

St. Timothys United Methodist Church
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April 20, 2008 – 10:15 am
Fifth Sunday of Easter – The Festival of God's Creation

(Large print bulletins and hymnals and hearing aid devices are available. A nursery is provided for children younger than First Grade. Ask an usher to help you.)

Gathering

(We invite you to use the prelude as a time for centering on God, the Holy, the Spirit, the Living Jesus. Please be considerate of others for whom this is a quiet time.)

- Prelude** "Setting on SLANE" Sewell
- Greeting and Welcome** Diane Schupbach
- Call to Worship** Responsively
- Leader: O sing to God a new creation song.
All: For God has done marvelous things.
L: We are born citizens of God's world.
All: For God has done marvelous things.
L: Let us see the earth as children of the earth.
All: Give us a clear vision, O God.
L: May our sights be greater than our own homes and communities.
All: Give us a clear vision, O God.
L: Grant us the knowledge to make tough choices for our world.
All: God, you are with us from the foundations of the earth.
L: Cause us to share life from generation to generation.
All: God, you are with us from the foundations of the earth.
L: Challenge our stewardship to renew the heights with living things.
All: God's hands are upon all creatures who live upon the earth.
L: Many and great are your things, O God, maker of earth and sky.
All: God's hands are upon all creatures who live upon the earth.
- *Opening Song** "Many and Great, O God" Red hymnal, 148

People: We have forgotten who we are.

Leader: Now the forests are dying, and the creatures are disappearing, and humans are despairing.

People: We have forgotten who we are.

Leader: We ask forgiveness. We ask for the gift of remembering. We ask for the strength to change.

People: We have forgotten who we are.

Responding to the Word

Opportunities and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Liturgist

"God has given humankind a special responsibility to care for creation. Genesis 2:15 says the Lord God took the human and put him in the Garden of Eden to till it and to keep it. A form of the Hebrew verb "shamar," meaning "to keep," is also used in the Aaronic blessing with which we sometimes conclude our worship services: "May the Lord bless you and keep you" (Numbers 6:24). We are to nurture, sustain and care for creation the way God nurtures, sustains and cares for us."

From: <http://www.nccecojustice.org/EarthDay/2001/sermon.html>

Offertory

"Aria"

Handel

*Dedication Song

"Seek Ye First"

Red hymnal, 405

*Prayer of Dedication

Unison

Generous God, you have blessed us with the resources to share the good news of your love for all creation. We dedicate these gifts and pray that they may bring healing, wholeness, and hope to the world, that future generations may also know your graciousness and love. Amen.

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Going Forth

*Closing Song

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Red hymnal, 147

*Blessing

Dick Clark & St. Tims Children

*Blessing Response

"God the Sculptor of the Mountains" Black hymnal, 2060(1)

*Postlude

"Thine Is the Glory"

Handel

* = The Congregation is invited to stand
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