

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

APRIL 22, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"In God's hand is the life of every living creature
and the breath of every human being." -- Job 12:10

"Any human being exists only as a member of the
wider community of life, air, water, and soil.
We have no existence apart from the living earth.
We are Earth. What we do to Earth, we do to our self." -- Michael Dowd

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

SPECIAL MUSICAL OFFERING
FROM THE ANGA RORY INTERNATIONAL TROUPE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ is risen! **He is risen, indeed!**

CHORAL INTROIT

CANTICLE

EMILY CROCKER

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR; ERIC RINGLER, SOLOIST
Through all the world below, God we see all around.
Search hills and valleys through. There he's found.
In growing fields of corn, the lily and the thorn,
the pleasant and forlorn all declare: God is there.
In meadows dressed in green, there he's seen.

Then let my station be here in life where I see the sacred Trinity:
All agree in all the works he made, the forest and the glade.
Nor let me be afraid though I dwell in the hill,
where nature's works declare: God is there.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us dwell in God's shelter.
Let us dwell in God's work of art.
Come, because the Earth is the Lord's,
And God's Earth is our home.
We live in God's World; we are not alone.
We share this life with the heavens and the earth,
With the waters and the land, With trees and grasses,
With fish, birds, and animals, With minerals and creatures of every form,
And with all our brothers and sisters.
God is good and everything God makes is good.
God is love and everything God makes is love's fruit.
Let us worship God!

We welcome the **Anga Rory International Troupe**, who were in town for a concert last evening, sponsored by World Artist Experiences. In Gujarani, Anga Rory means "joy of the soul."

Presbyterians have been active in caring for creation before Earth Day was established in 1970, but it wasn't until 1990, when we adopted the resolution "Restoring Creation for Ecology and Justice," that a formal policy existed, calling for the whole denomination to engage fully in the task of restoring creation.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we remember that Jesus taught us to pray saying, “Our Father...”
You created us, you made this world, and you called your creation very good.
Yet often we forget that you are our loving Parent who continues to bless your world.

Jesus told us that you are “...in heaven...”
Yet we fail to live in awe of you. We take you for granted,
and we don’t see the awesome beauty of the world you have made.

We pray, “Hallowed be your name...”
We confess that our reverence for you does not always
lead us to care reverently for your earth, sky and sea.

We pray, “Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven...”
We confess that we often put our own interests first-exploiting your creation,
and living for our own convenience and self-interest.

We pray, “Give us today our daily bread.”
We confess that we consume more than our share of the world’s resources,
while billions go hungry every day and your whole creation suffers.

We pray, “Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.”
We confess that we see these words only in spiritual terms,
while the Bible is filled with teachings about economic justice and creation care.

We pray, “Save us from the time of trial.”
Help us to resist the temptations of spending more,
using more, acquiring more, and wasting more.

We pray, “Deliver us from evil...”
Free us from greed and self-centeredness that separate us from you and others.

We pray, “For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.”
Help us to know that in caring for your wonderful world, we are working for your kingdom, but
stewards of your creative power, and giving you glory.

We pray, “Amen.”
We end our prayers with “Amen,” a word that means “let it be so.”
We know we can be faithful disciples by your grace. Amen!

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

KYRIE #579

LORD, HAVE MERCY

“ORTHODOX”

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The Prayer of
confession is from
Limestone
Presbyterian
Church, “The
Lord’s Prayer and
Creation Care:
A Litany of
Confession.”
Written by Revs.
Bruce and Carolyn
Gillette.

* **RESPONSE #582** *GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME*

“GLORY TO GOD”

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

(Please greet one another with signs of peace.)

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

GENESIS 1
THE STORY OF CREATION

* **HYMN #25**

O LORD, OUR GOD, HOW EXCELLENT (PSALM 8)

“WINCHESTER OLD”

NEW TESTAMENT READING

ROMANS 8:19-23

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 148

SERMON

REV. CAROLINE M. KELLY

RESPONDING TO AND SEALING THE WORD

* **HYMN #713**

TOUCH THE EARTH LIGHTLY

“TENDERNESS

The second verse
of the hymn will be
sung in minor.

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God the Creator,
who created and is creating everything:
the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us;
each of us, unique, individual and beloved of God.

We believe in God the Christ,
who saved and is saving everything:
the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us;
each of us; unique, individual and beloved of the Christ.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who guided and is guiding everything:
the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us;
each of us, unique, individual and beloved of the Spirit.

The **Affirmation of Faith** was written
by Lisa Frenz for
the Mt. Carmel
Lutheran Church,
Portland, Oregon,
in 2008.

We believe that this one God in three persons,
is present among us,
working directly in our lives
and the lives of all who are born into this world,
striving to bring us back into harmony
with all creation and with God:
forgiving, healing, touching everyone,
never rejecting any who willingly receive
this freely offered gift of love and grace and eternal life. Amen.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

HARIS AND BECCA MEDINA-GUESS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

THE SINGING OF BIRDS

BOB CHILCOTT

THE WOMEN OF THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

For lo, the winter is past. The rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth, and the time of the singing of birds is come.

* AT THE PRESENTATION PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW "LASST UNS ERFREUEN"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN #714

GOD OF THE FERTILE FIELDS

"ITALIAN HYMN"

* SUNG BENEDICTION # 306 BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Jesus prays for us and wants us to pray for others — for the whole church and for the world that God so loves. During the **Prayers of the People**, we pray especially for people who are sick, hungry, lonely, or poor; for the cities and neighborhoods where we live; for people and leaders in other countries; for peace and fairness for all people; for all God's creatures; for clean air, water, and soil; and for the work of the whole church to show and tell the good news of Jesus.

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.
Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher.....Rev. Caroline Kelly
 Liturgist.....Mike Levitas
 Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
 Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir and the Anga Rory International Troupe
 Sound TechnicianJoe Aurigemma
 Ushers.....Sharon and Bob Karzary

OUR STAFF

Teaching Elder/Pastor.....Rev. Caroline M. Kelly
 Director of Music MinistriesBryan Lohr
 Executive Administrative Assistant.....Brittany Jackson
 Sexton.....Zach Dodge
 Sound Tech/Security.....Joe Aurigemma
 Sunday Worship Child Care Providers.....Ginny Reid and Addy Mallery

THE SESSION

Class of 2018: Carl Belt, Carolyn Mathews, Judy Stern, and Agnes Yount

Class of 2019: Shirley Giarritta, Gary Hendrickson, Phil Mills, and David Stickler

Class of 2020: Chelsea Boor, Jeff Getty, Pam Jan, and Joe Weaver

Clerk of Session.....Jeff Getty
 Moderator.....Caroline Kelly

MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we worship God and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

VISION STATEMENT

We strive to be a community grounded in the good news of God's love in Christ where all of God's children are:

- Welcomed and cherished
- Called to worship, learn and grow together in faith, and
- Sent to share God's love and justice with a broken and hurting world.

Adopted by the Session on September 17, 2015

<http://www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland>

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS: We are glad you found your way to First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland. For more information about opportunities to worship, learn and serve with us, we encourage you to visit the table outside the church office. You can also learn more about us at www.fpc-cumberland.org and www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland. Childcare is provided in the nursery. An usher will be glad to direct you there.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: While we do provide a nursery for young children, we also welcome you to bring your child with you to worship. We have "worship bags" in the back of the sanctuary that include materials for drawing and coloring, as well as Bible stories and Bible word-find games. After the Time for Young Disciples, children may go to the nursery for a Bible lesson or remain in the sanctuary. Our "Young Children in Worship" pew card contains information about why young children should be encouraged to come to worship and how parents and others can engage them more fully in worship.

THE PRAY-GROUND is a special space in the sanctuary for our youngest children and their families. All families are welcome to come and sit in the right front pews with their children seated on the rug. This front row seat will allow God's youngest children to participate in the service in a place where they can see and hear best. There will be activities provided so that their little hands are kept busy while participating in worship. "Jesus said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it'" (Mark 10:14-15).

FRIENDSHIP PADS: Please locate and sign the red pad in your pew, tear off the sheet and place it in the collection plate during the offering. This important practice allows us to be mindful of new folks and long-time members as well, and is a good way to learn (or remember) the names of those with whom you are seated. **If you are visitor, please fill out the "Welcome to First Presbyterian Church" card in the pew rack and put it in the offering plate when it comes by during the service.**

PERSONAL LISTENING DEVICES: (amplifiers) are available in the back of the church for use during worship. Please see an usher for assistance.

WORSHIP BROADCASTS ON YOUTUBE: To view worship services live or to view taped worship services, go to www.youtube.com (First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland Live Stream) or go to our website <http://www.fpc-cumberland.org/> and click on "click here to view our worship service" located at the bottom of the home page.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Please contact Michael Levitas or the church office if you would like to sponsor flowers for a special occasion like a birthday or anniversary or in memory or honor of someone. You may specify live or silk flowers. Silk flower money will be directed to the Special Ministries Fund.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & PAM JAN

| ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE: | as of April 15, 2018 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Total 2018 Pledges Promised | \$222,725.00 |
| Pre-paid pledges | \$ 11,275.00 |
| <u>2018 Pledge Balance Promised</u> | <u>\$211,450.00</u> |
| Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date | \$ 62,531.00 |
| Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date | \$ 59,844.00 |
| Over/(Under) | \$ 2,687.00 |

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

April 16, 2017
125(Easter Sunday)

April 15, 2018
73

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

RULING ELDERS: SHIRLEY GIARRITTA & GARY HENDRICKSON

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN UP DAY! This Saturday, April 28th, the Buildings & Grounds Committee invites you to come out and help clean up the church from 9:00AM-12:00PM.

We need your help and talents, so please sign up for the following:

_____ Painting

_____ Heavy Lifting

_____ Yard Work

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: JUDY STERN & PHIL MILLS

MISSION OUTREACH DINNER: The monthly outreach dinner that we help with will be held **today** at the HRDC building on Virginia Avenue. Dinner will be served from 4:00-5:30PM. If anyone can volunteer to serve dinner, help clean tables, and/or bake cupcakes, please let Judy Stern, Phil Mills, or Linda Smith know.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, APRIL (23)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, APRIL (24)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
6:30 PM BUILDINGS & GROUNDS WORK NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, APRIL (25)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:30 PM COVENANT BIBLE STUDY III IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
6:15 PM JOYBELLS REHEARSAL IN THE SANCTUARY
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM
7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, APRIL (26) NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, APRIL (27)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
6:00 PM GRADUATION MILESTONE AT BILL & ANN KELLERMAYER'S HOME

SATURDAY, APRIL (28)

SOUTH DAKOTA LEARNING CAMP AUCTION SET UP

9:00 AM BUILDINGS & GROUNDS SPRING CLEAN UP DAY UNTIL NOON
9:30 AM PEO MEETING IN THE PARLOR
6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

SUNDAY, APRIL (29)

9:45AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY & 2-5 YEAR OLD CLASS: AN ILLUSTRATED COMPASSION
11:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
12:30 PM SOUTH DAKOTA LEARNING CAMP LUNCHEON & AUCTION

FAITH FORMATION
RULING ELDERS: CHELSEA BOOR & JOE WEAVER



Graduation **Milestone** *a promise and a journey*

FRIDAY, APRIL 27TH AT 6:00PM
BILL & ANN KELLERMAYER'S HOME

Bill and Ann are hosting a graduation milestone for the high school and college graduates in our congregation. Marisa Aurigemma, Ben Fiscus, Addison Stroup are graduating from high school; Sean Aurigemma and Atticus Speis are graduating from college.

Join us for caring conversations and dinner as we celebrate this special time in their lives, especially if you were one of their **mentors**, one of their **Sunday school teachers**, or made a connection with them during **youth group**. Dinner will be followed with a time for reflection, prayer and blessing. Don't miss this opportunity to meet with the seniors and their families as we recognize and honor this milestone together.

Everyone can help celebrate by donating something for their laundry bags: plastic food storage containers, wash cloths, coat hangers, bandages, highlighters, poster putty, bar soap, sticky notes, Q-tips, sanitizing wipes, dryer sheets, paper towels, air freshener, index cards, tissues, pens, pencils, candy, gum, room deodorizers, paper clips, stress balls. We will have a box in the entry to collect items. Please also leave your name on the sheet of paper beside it so we can let them know who contributed. If you would like to write them a personal note, please leave that in the box, also.

To come to the milestone event, **please RSVP to Brittany Jackson by Wednesday, April 25**. Let us know what you will bring:

Hors d'oeuvre _____

Side Dish _____

Salad _____

The rest will be provided.

The Great Dakota Giveaway!

**Soup & Chili Rodeo, Live and
Silent Auction**

Sunday, April 29th at 12:30 PM

Auctioneer: Buck Belt

**Help us raise funds to send 20 inspired volunteers to serve at a
summer learning camp for children in South Dakota**

The Great Dakota Giveaway
Sunday, April 29th at 12:30 p.m.

Yes, I will come to support our volunteers and enjoy this fellowship and food event.
(All the food you can eat for only \$5 per person!)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number attending: _____

I can donate the following items: _____

I can donate the following service to be auctioned (babysitting, car wash, consulting, teaching):

If you have any questions or if you would like to make a donation,
please contact Robin Bissell at rbissell444@gmail.com.

International Day of Farmers' Struggles: April 17, 2018



As I travel around the world and visit farmers and other agricultural partners, my appreciation of farmers and respect for them grows ever stronger. Every day I learn more about what farming represents, not only for farmers but also for all of us as consumers. We depend daily on farmers and farms yet often do not get glimpses of their daily realities or struggles. Many farmers find themselves living in poverty and being affected by hunger. In 2015, three United Nations agencies reported that most of the 795 million people worldwide who don't get enough to eat are in fact farmers.

In January, I visited with farmers in Sri Lanka whose land had been forcefully taken away during years of civil war in their country. Since then, Sri Lankan farmers have had a hard time providing for themselves and their families. They shared stories about the abundance of food they used to produce, the streams of water near the villages that allowed them to irrigate their farms, and the overall ease of access to water for daily use. Without their land, it has been difficult to meet basic needs and to establish a sense of belonging and community.

These Sri Lankan farmers echo what I see and hear all around the world as I meet with farmers. Farmers feed the world! Yet farming is not always perceived as a "dignified job," and society rarely gives the recognition farmers deserve.

Meanwhile, apart from the availability of land, farmers face many other challenges: losing access to native seeds (that have been the basis of agriculture since the beginning of creation), no access — or very limited access — to capital, and the effects of climate change (which often destroys their production and means of living).

Farming is a way of living and a way to multiply life. Through generations, farmers have mastered the equation that caring for the soil, maintaining good seeds, and hard work produces bounty. They are the reason we find food in markets and are able to nourish ourselves and our families. May we, in gratitude, stand with them in their struggles, listen to their stories, and act in solidarity.

Valery Nodem, Associate for International Hunger Concerns, Presbyterian Hunger Program

Prayer:

Gracious God, we pray for farmers both here and around the world who produce the life-giving food that nourishes our bodies. We give you thanks for their wisdom, labor, and honor. We ask that you continue to strengthen the bodies and souls of farmers as they struggle for lives filled with dignity and justice. We pray also that you give us the courage to stand in solidarity with them in their struggles. Amen.