



First Presbyterian
Church *of* Dunedin

April 19, 2026
Third Sunday of Easter
Earth Day Sunday

Celebration

of God's love, justice, and peace in creation, in others and in ourselves.

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Sentences

David Bramley, Liturgist

Creator of light and life, we gather in wonder.

**Oh, let us sing to God all our lives long,
sing hymns to my God as long as we live!**

You stretch out the heavens and renew the earth.

**Oh, let us sing to God all our lives long,
sing hymns to my God as long as we live!**

With all creation—wind, water, and living creatures—
we praise your name and rejoice in your sustaining Spirit.

**Oh, let us sing to God all our lives long,
sing hymns to my God as long as we live!**

Come, let us worship God!

***Hymn 644 – “Morning Has Broken”**

**The Congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

***Prayer of Confession**

Creating God, we thirst for power and not for righteousness.

We are quick to show our dominance, but hide our dependence.

We take what we want without thought of what we should give back.

We see your creation as resources, not members of our community.

We remove mountaintops and clear-cut forests.

We drill for oil in waters that should be protected.

We drain the earth to fuel our lifestyles.

**Loving God, renew us. Transform our hearts and minds
so that we might transform the world that we live in.**

(Pause for silent confession.) **Amen.**

***Response (Hymn 750)**

**Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;
Light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.
Victory is ours; victory is ours through God who loves us.
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Discovery

of God's love, justice, and peace in creation, in others and in ourselves.

Prayer for Understanding

Please pray with me:

Creator of heaven and earth, open our hearts and minds to your wisdom. Send us your Holy Spirit as the Scriptures are read. May our hearts burn within us as we encounter your truth, through Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

New Testament Reading – Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Pew Bible, page 885
The Word of the Lord! /Thanks be to God!

Choral Response

"The Tree Song"

Ken Medema

I saw a tree by the riverside one day as I
walked along,
Straight as an arrow and pointing to the
sky,
Growing tall and strong.
"How do you grow so straight and tall?"
I said to my riverside tree.
This is the song that my tree friend sang to
me:

CHORUS

I've got roots growing down to the water,
I've got leaves growing up to the sunshine,
And the fruit I bear is a sign of the life in
me.
I am shade from the hot summer sundown,
I am nest for the birds of the heaven.
I'm becoming what the Maker of trees has
blessed me to be
A strong young tree.

I saw a tree in the wintertime when snow
lay on the ground,
Straight as an arrow, and pointing to the
sky
And winter winds were blowing all around.
"How do you grow so straight and tall?"
I said to the wintertime tree.
This is the song that my tree friend sang to
me:

CHORUS

I saw a tree in the city streets
Where buildings blocked the sun
Green and lovely, I could see
It gave joy to ev'ryone.
"How do you grow so straight and tall?"
I said to my downtown tree
This is the song that my tree friend sang to
me:

CHORUS

Gospel Reading – Luke 24:13-35 Pew Bible, page 860
The Gospel of the Lord! /Praise to you, O Christ!

***Hymn 252 – “Day of Arising”**

***Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed**

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 at 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 Ghost,
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

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.**

Action

for God's love, justice, and peace in creation, in others and in ourselves.

Call - To creation, to others, to self

We invite you to consider the ways you are called to serve.

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Prayer of Dedication Please pray with me:

Generous Creator, receive these gifts and our lives. Dedicate them to the healing of your earth, the care of all creatures, and the justice you desire. Make us faithful stewards of what you entrust to us; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn 20 – “All Things Bright and Beautiful”**

***Benediction & Sharing Peace**

***Postlude**

Again, welcome, All! It is good to be together!

You are invited to share in a time of fellowship and refreshment in Hager Hall.

Hearing assistance devices and large print hymnals are available upon request. An usher would be glad to help you.

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