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**In-house and Live-stream Worship**

**April 21, 2024  
10:00 a.m.  
4th Sunday of Easter**

**Gathering**

**Gathering Music**

Adam Ferrara

**Pastoral Welcome** with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

**Opening Prayer** with Dakota Koenig

Lord Jesus, you come into our midst in the most mundane of circumstances. So, how much more do you reveal your presence and call on our lives when we put aside our desires and make ourselves available to your direction during this hour? Bless us who have gathered here this morning. Let us again hear your words of comfort, acceptance and call. Let us be changed for your purpose this hour. Amen.

**Song of Welcome**

**Because He Lives**

Words and Music: Ed Cash, Gloria Gather, Jason Ingram, Matt Maher, Daniel Carson,  
William J. Gaither and Chris Tomlin  
Praise Band

\***Children's Time** (and released to Sunday School)

**Sharing the Word**

**Scripture** with Colleen Guffey

[Psalm 23:1-6 and John 10:11-18](#) (NRSV)

**Message**

**Creation Care**

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

**Song of the Word**

**Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)**

Words and Music: Matt Crocker, Joel Houston and Simon Lightelm  
Praise Band



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**Prayer for Earth Day with Lord's Prayer with Rev. Frank Hallock**

God of all the universe, Author of creation, you have brought forth our mother Earth. The web of all life is your handiwork. The creatures above and below testify to your beautiful ways. And yet in all this glory, we must confess our failure to be good stewards. We have treated your creation as a disposable way station. We have fallen short of our call to care. Forgive us, we pray and turn us around. Give us hearts and minds eager to tend for this beloved home planet. Equip us to care for all the creatures and inhabitants. We pray, on this Earth Day, in the name of the one who is the light of all life, Jesus, our brother and savior. Amen.

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**Response to the Word**

**Special Music**

**Look at the World**

Words and Music: John Rutter  
Chancel Choir

**\*Call to Offering and Action with Rollin Grider**

**Invitation and Dedication: Prayer**

Gracious Provider, we gather with hearts filled with gratitude for the love and light you've shown us. Your Word reminds us that true love is seen in the self-sacrifice of Christ. As we offer our tithes and offerings, we are reminded of the importance of generosity and stewardship in every aspect of our lives. May these gifts be a reflection of the love we have experienced in Christ and our commitment to steward them faithfully for the work of your kingdom. Use these offerings to bring justice, mercy, and hope to a world in need. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

**Commissioned into the World**

**Song of Sending**

**For the Beauty of the Earth** UMH 92, Vs. 1&2, 5&6  
Words: Folliot S. Pierpoint  
Music: Conrad Kocher  
Adam Ferrara

**Benediction with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw**

**Postlude**

Praise Band

**Pastors:** Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw, Associate Pastor of Music and Visitation, Rev. Frank Hallock and Dakota Koenig, Certified Lay Minister and Assistant to the Clergy



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### Announcements

**Earth Day:** The first Earth Day was in 1970. It was held as a moment to raise awareness about pollution, toxic water run off, sewage waste and the poisoning of the earth. Today we continue to look for ways to be good stewards of God's creation.

**“The whole earth is a living icon of the face of God.”** –St. John of Damascus (675-749)

The **Call to Offering and Action** highlights our response to God's love through our action, service and financial support. Each week we pray for a community partner, special project and/or people who are making a difference in our community and world. The United Methodist Church and this local congregation live our faith through our giving in many ways. Your giving starts here and is multiplied by God. Thank you.

**Giving thanks for your Support and Contributions:** You are essential to all we do for Vista and beyond. Please consider making a financial contribution to the ongoing work of this faith community. Your monetary gifts can be dropped in the offering box, put through the secure mail slot near the office or use your credit card at the Scrip table. Thank you!

**Youth Happenings...** Youth Group today from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. See John Giard with any questions.

**On Mother's Day, May 12, we will be celebrating baptism!** Contact the office by April 30, if you are interested in having your child/ren baptized. Pastor Leigh Ann will be meeting with families about baptism on May 5 following worship in the conference room near her office.

**New Members Orientation will be Sunday, May 5** in the Chapel, following worship, with vows in service on May 19. Join us! Please call the church office, 760.726.0442, for any questions or for more information.

### **Finance/Stewardship Committee's fundraiser Corn Hole Tournament, April 28, following worship**

Today, registration fees will be collected either from players or their sponsors. We will be drawing names to form teams of three. The Corn Hole sets will be in the upper social hall for you all to practice. We have eight teams signed up and possibly nine. Wonderful!!! If you want to play or be a sponsor, this Sunday is the last day to register. Thanks to Tom Humphrey and SCRIP, the gift certificates for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will be given to be redeemed for SCRIP. Also, a package deal of a hot dog, chips and a drink will be sold for \$2.00. Thank you all for supporting this FUNdRaiser to help the church budget.



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