



Harvest Resurrection, Peter Koenig



150 Years

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

Prelude	<i>Introduction and Three Hymns</i>	arr. Callahan
Greeting		Rev. Colin Knapp
Introit	<i>Open Prayer</i>	Pepper Choplin
*Call to Worship		Cleo Hagen

The earth and all therein belong to our God
Come, let us adore and seek to please our Creator.

We know what God desires of us:
That we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

We gather this morning to remind each other about what God desires
To remember that now is always the right time to do these things.

So with thanks and adoration in our hearts, let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn	<i>I Sing the Mighty Power of God</i>	p. 3
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*Opening Prayer		Rev. Henrietta Brown
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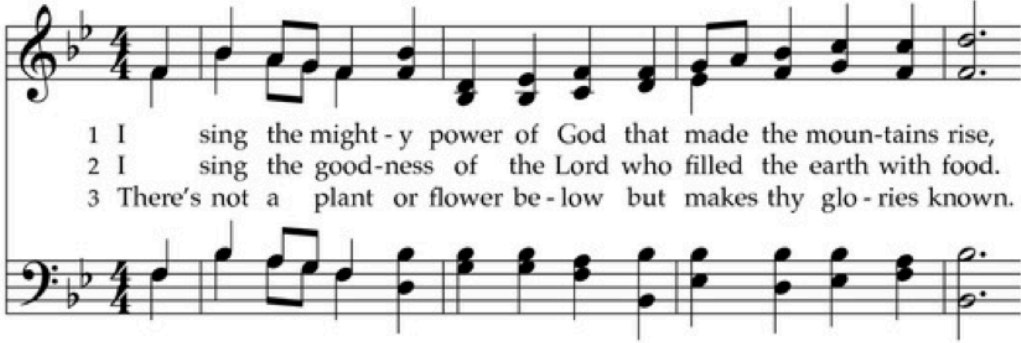
Confession		Rev. Colin Knapp
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God our home,
We are lost. We have mistaken an untethered life for an awakened one.
We roam from place to place at great cost to the earth beneath us,
believing that we will find ourselves. We have stolen the
homes of others because we cannot bear to gaze upon our own
scorched earth. We have made a performance out of pretending
like we are not a product of where we once called home. We have
failed to contend with how our own actions render a space more or less
welcoming or safe. Forgive us our escapism and neglect, and
in Your mercy let us encounter the places we come from without
turning against ourselves. Amen.

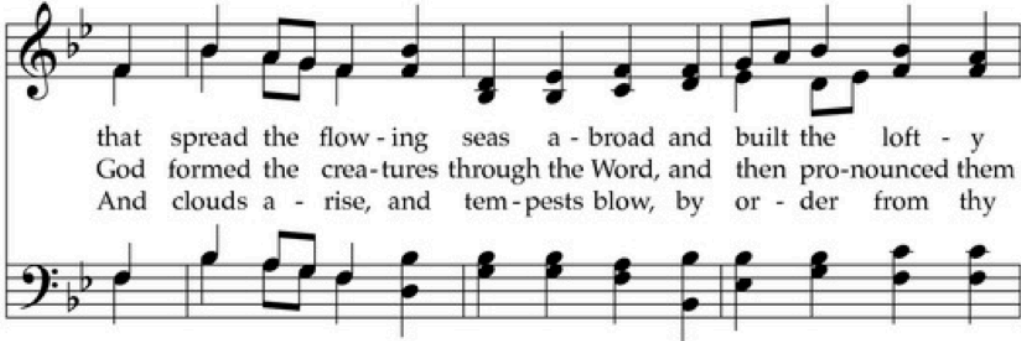
Assurance of Forgiveness

Let your soul receive this rest: The God who made dirt and sky,
stone and sand, is present with us wherever we find ourselves.
Believe the divine can restore our relationships to place, that we
would be free to leave and free to remain, not out of fear or greed,
but out of an understanding for all that forms us. Alleluia! Amen.

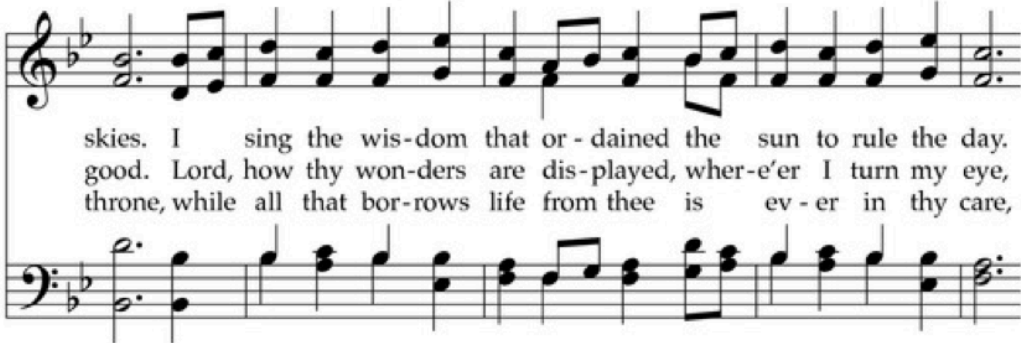
32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



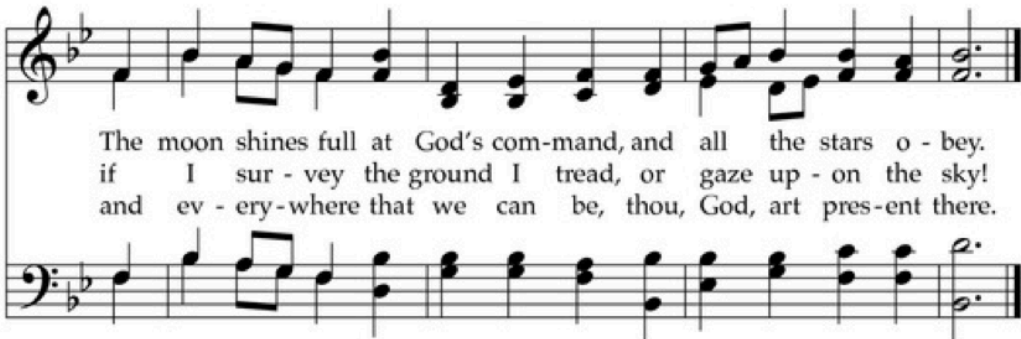
1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

A Transition, with gratitude

*Closing Hymn

God of the Fertile Fields

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*Benediction

Rev. Veronica Johnson

Postlude

The Day of Resurrection

arr. Callahan

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1 God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

5 earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

10 boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.


Glory to God 714

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MUSIC (ITALIAN HYMN 6.6.4.6.6.4): Felice de Giardini, 1769, alt.

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that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Pilgrim History

In 1978, the church held a paper drive on the first day of Farmers' Market to promote paper recycling. Eventually, paper drives were held regularly and large paper recycling boxes placed in the parking lot by the village were emptied three times a week (in the days before household recycling bins).

Today's Liturgist is Cleo Hagen. Connect Leaders are Cheryl Capps and Ann Platzer. Ushers are Henry Guerriero and Josephine Simmons. Our Online Worship Coordinators are Delena Wilkerson, Chuck Behensky, David Taylor-Glass, and Carol Bustamante. Our Sextons are Claudia Divis and Leslie Lauderdale. We give our thanks for their important contributions to our worship gathering.

AFRICAN SANCTUS

Sunday, April 21, 4 P.M.

African Sanctus is a 1972 choral Mass and is David Fanshawe's best-known composition. It's a celebratory work expressing unity between peoples, their faiths and their music by incorporating a Mass with traditional African music. The concert, led by Pilgrim's chancel choir director, Dr. Wilbert O. Watkins, features Rosalind Lee, soprano soloist; percussionists Brooks Truly and James Yakas; guitarist John Regor; bass player Andrew King, and pianist Joan Hutchinson, Pilgrim's Minister of Music.

Admission to the concert is free, with a freewill offering taken.

Announcements

Responds to Migrants

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Please join Congregations Networking for Social Justice (CNSJ) for their next public workshop, Oak Park Area Responds to Migrants, on Sunday afternoon, April 14 from 2:00 - 4:30 pm at the Oak Park Main Library. Flyers are available in the back of the sanctuary. For more information, you can talk to Pilgrim's representatives on the CNSJ Working Group - Karin Grimes, Sue Spote and Jane Ann Moore.

Community of Congregation's Spring Gathering

April 18, 2024, 7PM

Join us in welcoming OPRF's Superintendent Greg Johnson! We will hear an overview and update on all things district 200: Illinois Report Card, strategic priorities, finance, and facilities. Q & A to follow the presentation.

CoC's gathering will take place at United Lutheran Church, 409 Greenfield Ave, Oak Park. Please kindly RSVP to oprfcoc@gmail.com

Chicago Metropolitan Association Spring Meeting

Saturday, May 4, 2024, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Join your friends and colleagues from the Chicago Metropolitan Association at The Church of the Good Shepherd (5700 S. Prairie Ave, Chicago IL 60637), celebrating this year's theme, ubuntu - "I am because we are." The cost is \$15 with advanced registration and \$20 at the door. The registration cost includes a hot breakfast. Please note any dietary restrictions/needs during registration. Instructions and the link to register can be found

<https://onrealm.org/ilucc/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=MzExZjZhZmItODU3Ni00YmQyLTkwMzEtYjEzNzAwZjY2ODk3>. **The deadline to register is Monday, April 29th.**

Join the Pilgrim Crop Hunger Walk Team

Sunday, May 5, 2024, 1PM

The 41st Annual Crop Hunger Walk is returning to a multi-congregational, in-person walk stepping off from Pilgrim Church and we need walkers for our team!! Help us raise money to end hunger in our community and the world. Festivities begin at 1pm with activities for kids and adults. The walk steps off at 2pm and includes a 3-mile or 1-mile route. Visit bit.ly/pilgrimcropwalk2024 to join or donate. Contact Pilgrim's team captain, Rose DiPietro, for more info at rose.dipietro@gmail.com.

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