

April 2024

52 Ways to Care for Creation

Week 14

Sing Hymns of Creation

Find/choose some creation-themed hymns to sing at church. Some ideas: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" and "The Ocean is a Call to Worship."

Week 15

Write To Your Elected Officials

Write to your members of congress or local elected officials, asking them to support an environmental issue that you care about. How does the issue you've chosen relate to racial justice? Include this information in your letter or email.

Week 16

Earth Day Reflection

This earth day, take a moment to reflect on this proverb: "We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we have borrowed it from our children."

Week 17

Ecological Resurrection

Every ecological success is a resurrection story! Find out which animals, plants, or ecosystems have been revived after environmental degradation. For example, the Monterey Bay in California has a wonderful "resurrection" story!

Find more theological & educational resources at creationjustice.org/earth-day-library



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Worship Participants:
Jim Ross, Speaker
Jennifer White, Organist
Alison Hause, Greeter
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The First Presbyterian Church

The Good Shepherd

JOHN 10:11-18



Berwick, PA

The Order of Worship Sunday April 21, 2024

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Berwick! We are glad that you are worshipping with us today. If you are visiting for the first time today, we invite you to sign the guest book in the back of the sanctuary or scan the QR code to fill it out digitally. Throughout the service, the People make the responses in **bold** print.



Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Ancient Hymns *arranged by Stanley E. Saxton*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One O come let us bow down and worship;
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

**All For the Lord is our God; we are the Lord's people;
the flock that God shepherds.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #464 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you sent Jesus, our good shepherd, to gather us together. May we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us, listening for his voice and staying near him, until we are safely in your fold, to live with you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

By God's grace through Jesus, we are saved. Let us approach God in confidence, confessing our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the

IN THE PULPIT
April 21 Jim Ross
April 28 John Polhill

COMMUNION

May 19
July 14
October 6
November 24
December 24

PRAYER LIST

DAngelo family
Matthew Boggs
Clio Strausser
Tom & Barb Huntington
Alison Powlus
Bob Feick Family
Pastor Steve Engelhardt
Paul Moskaluk
Nancy Raber
Matt Gabel
Martha Yost
Lauren Sadock
Joann Magners
Wilhelmina Hoover



² Once earthly joy I craved,
Sought peace and rest;
Now Thee alone I seek,
Give what is best.
This all my prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ to Thee;
More love to Thee,
More love to Thee!

³ Then shall my latest breath
Whisper Thy praise;
This be the parting cry
My heart shall raise;
This still its prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ to Thee;
More love to Thee,
More love to Thee!

Announcements

THANK YOU!

This morning we welcome back our own Jim Ross to the pulpit.
Thank you for leading us in worship this morning!

FAMILY BANQUET

Mark your calendar and plan to join us following worship **Sunday May 5th** down stairs for our Family Banquet catered by Catering for You. Reservations are needed to secure enough food. **Please use your reservation slip in your bulletin to reserve your seat and place in the offering plate or office by April 28th.** Monetary donations will be graciously accepted.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Don't forget, men's breakfast is held **EVERY Wednesday** at 7:30am downstairs in the kitchen. All men are welcome to attend, fill up on hot cooked grub, join in fellowship and do whatever it is that men do.

**weak, and abuse the earth you made.
Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power and change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of abundant life given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

(Silence for people to examine their hearts in prayer)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

By God's grace through Jesus, we are saved. Friends, believe the events of Easter: We are forgiven. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Acts 4:5-12; 1 John 3:16-24;
John 10:11-18

*GLORIA PATRI

SERMON Who's the Boss of Me?

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Psalm 23

**The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside still waters,
he restores my soul.
He guides me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.**

**Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

*HYMN #379 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

MORNING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN #359 More Love to Thee, O Christ *vs. 1, 2*

***ASCRPTION OF PRAISE**

To the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

***BLESSING**

Now go in joy, peace, and love, knowing your creator, judge, and advocate is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

***CHORAL BENEDICTION #359** More Love to Thee, O Christ *v* 3

*Go in new life,
taking God's love with you.*

**Please stand if you are able*

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

¹ Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

² All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

³ Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,

Joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

¹ My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

² When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

³ His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

⁴ When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. (Refrain)

More Love to Thee, O Christ

¹ More love to Thee, O Christ,
More love to Thee!
Hear Thou the prayer I make
On bended knee.
This is my earnest plea:
More love, O Christ, to Thee;
More love to Thee,
More love to Thee!