

☒ Hymn "God of Creation, All-Powerful" #27

Benediction

(please be seated)

Postlude



Our Mission and Vision Statement:

We are a church where all are welcome to worship together, to share in fellowship and to grow spiritually in our journey with Christ. We value justice, diversity, and freedom of expression. We strive to serve our community and all God's creation and to spread the love of God to all people.

Welcome members, friends, and visitors to our service this morning! If you are a guest with us, we invite you to sign our guest register and/or fill out a visitor card. Activity bags are available in the back of the sanctuary for children who are with us in worship.

Prayer Requests

Would you like to ask for prayers for someone? You may write your request in the red prayer book on the table located in the back of the sanctuary. A deacon will share them with the pastor. Please see a deacon with any questions.

Deadline – The deadline for the next edition of Glad Tidings is Today. If you have an announcement, please email fccwbworship@gmail.com

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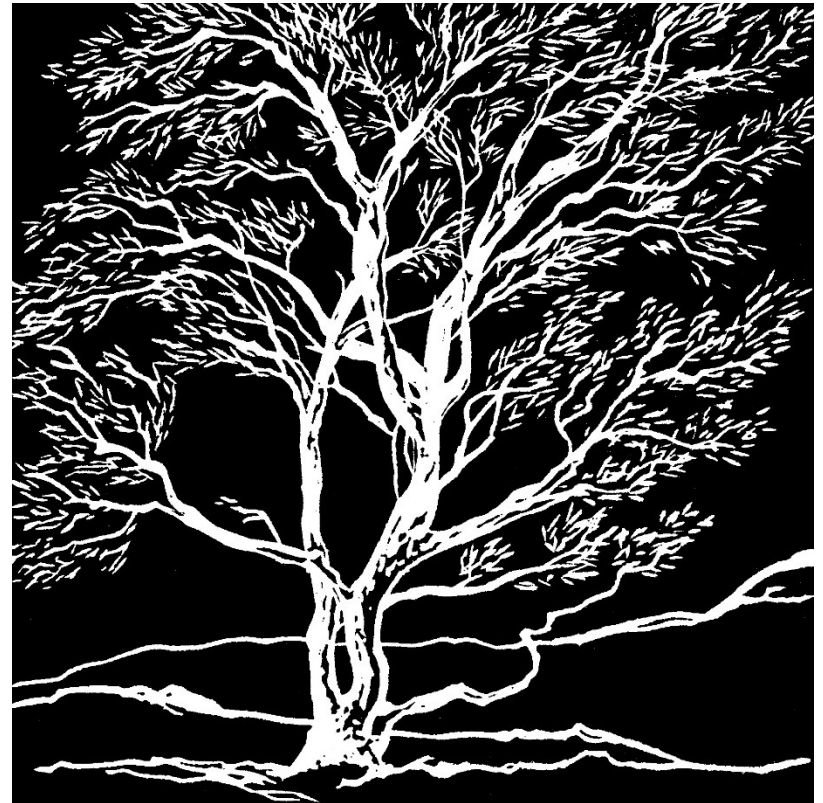
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*The First Congregational Church
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United Church of Christ*




*April 27, 2025
10 a.m.*

SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTER

CARE FOR CREATION ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Words in **bold** are to be spoken in unison.*

 *Please stand as you are able.*

Congregational Announcements

Karen Murphy

Pastoral Greeting

Prelude and Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Linda Daskowski

Turning and turning,
our pale blue globe burns bright in the black spaces of eternity.

God owns this planet and all its riches.

The earth and every creature belong to God.

All life embodied in the only home we know.

**God set the land on top of the seas
and anchored it in the deep.**

Trace the course of a river to its source;
stand among the mountains and marvel.

Who can stand in God's holy places?

Whoever has integrity:

not chasing shadows, not living lies.

God will bless them, their Savior will bring justice.

Let the Lord of power and might,

the conqueror of chaos enter!

from Psalm 24


Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Linda Daskowski

**For the marvelous grace of your Creation, we pour out our
thanks to you, our God. We praise you for plants growing in
earth and water, for creatures living in wetlands and waters,
for life creeping in soils and land, for life flying above earth
and sea, for animals dwelling in woods and fields.**

**But we confess that we often are unaware of how deeply we
have hurt your good earth and its marvelous gifts. We are
often unaware of how our abuse of creation has also been an
abuse of ourselves. For our wrongs, we offer our repentance.
We promise to reverence Your Creation as a gracious gift**

**entrusted to us by you. We promise anew to be stewards and
not pillagers of what you have entrusted to us. We pledge our
commitment to care for your good Earth. Amen.**

 Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth"

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Call to Offering and Offertory Music

*(Offering plates are in the front and rear of the sanctuary for your gifts;
you may place them in the plates during the music)*

 Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all creatures here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.

Blessing of Offering

Youth Message "One Plastic Bag" by Miranda Paul Nancy Zurawka

Scripture Readings

I Peter 1:3-9

Linda Daskowski

John 20:19-31

Response: **Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

Stephen Page

Sermon "**What On Earth Are We Doing?**" Rev. Dennis TeBeest

 Hymn

"Here I Am, Lord"

#559

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

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.**