

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

Rev. John Morehouse and Kim Warman
May 1, 2022 10 AM

PRELUDE "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" (Sleeth)

Children's Choir

WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS

Dayle Brownstein, Worship Associate

CHALICE LIGHTING

HYMN #21 For the Beauty of the Earth

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Source of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
2. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
Source of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
3. For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Source of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
4. For the joy of human care, sister, brother, parent, child,
For the kinship we all share, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Source of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

COVENANT

Love is the spirit of this church, and service its law.
This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace,
To seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

CHILDREN'S EXIT

Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the love of God surround you
ev'rywhere, ev'rywhere you may go.

LEADING LIGHT AWARD Linda Lubin

Rev. Morehouse

CANDLELIGHTING

Rev. Morehouse

PRAYER AND MEDITATION

Kim Warman, Intern Minister

MUSIC "We Are Not Our Own" (Hurd)

Once & Again Singers

SERMON "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

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Ground Works

OFFERTORY MUSIC "Standing on Holy Ground" (Taubman)

Once & Again Singers
Jenna McPartland, soloist

CLOSING HYMN #1064 Blue Boat Home

1. Though below me, I feel no motion standing on these mountains and plains.
Far away from the rolling ocean still my dry land heart can say:
I've been sailing all my life now, never harbor or port have I know.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel and the earth is my blue boat home.

2. Sun my sail and moon my rudder as I ply the starry sea,
leaning over the edge in wonder, casting questions into the deep.
Drifting, here with my ship's companions, all we kindred pilgrim souls,
making our way by the lights of the heavens in our beautiful blue boat home.
3. I give thanks to the waves upholding me, hail the great winds urging me on,
greet the infinite sea before me, sing the sky my sailor's song:
I was born upon the fathoms, never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel, and the earth is my blue boat home.

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Morehouse

POSTLUDE "Weave Me the Sunshine" (Yarrow)

Once & Again Singers

Weave, weave, weave me the sunshine out of the falling rain;
Weave me the hope of a new tomorrow, fill my cup again.

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