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<u>May 5, 2024</u>

10:30 AM

Outdoor Worship Sixth Sunday of Easter

Thank you for joining us today at Rocky Ridge Park! It is a gift to praise God within the beauty of nature. If you need to directions to bathrooms or have any questions, please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Isaiah 35:1-10)¹

Pastor (P): Listen–all creation rejoices, can you hear it?

Congregation (C): There is so much noise and chatter, are you sure there is music? Liturgist (L): Listen-the wilderness and desert are breaking out in song, can you hear it?

C: It's been so long since we've heard a melody of praise.

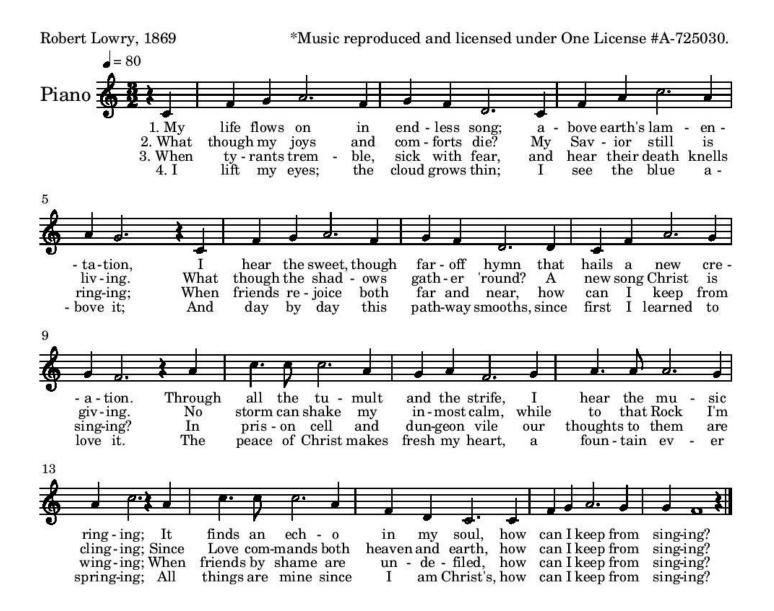
P: Listen–the crocus blooms with joyful singing, the very mountains join in the refrain. Can you hear it?

C: We join our voices in hope, worshipping our God who brings forth a new song in the world.

L: As we join our voices in praise, together let us pray,

L: Life-giving God, C: we are a blessed people. In this moment of worship we pray that you might bless us anew. Give us ears to hear the melodies of praise that fill the world around us. And as we hear the songs, teach us to sing, to dance with abandon, to rejoice in the wonders of your grace. Lead us by your Spirit in the pathways of your overflowing peace, hope, and joy. Amen.

My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep From Singing)



*TIME OF CONFESSION²

CALL TO CONFESSION PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Creator God,

C: You have given us a world of beauty, and we have spoiled it. A world to feed us, and so many go hungry. A world of riches, and we are unwilling to share. A world to care for, and we think only of ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, every time your heart is saddened by our selfishness, every time we have no thought for others, no cares but ours. Enable us to see this world as a gift from you that can be shared, and those who live on it as our neighbors. We ask this that your name may be glorified, through the beauty of this world, and the service of our lives. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE

*The Story of Creation*² 1 Corinthians 10:23-24, 31-33 (Easy-to-Read Version)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SERMON

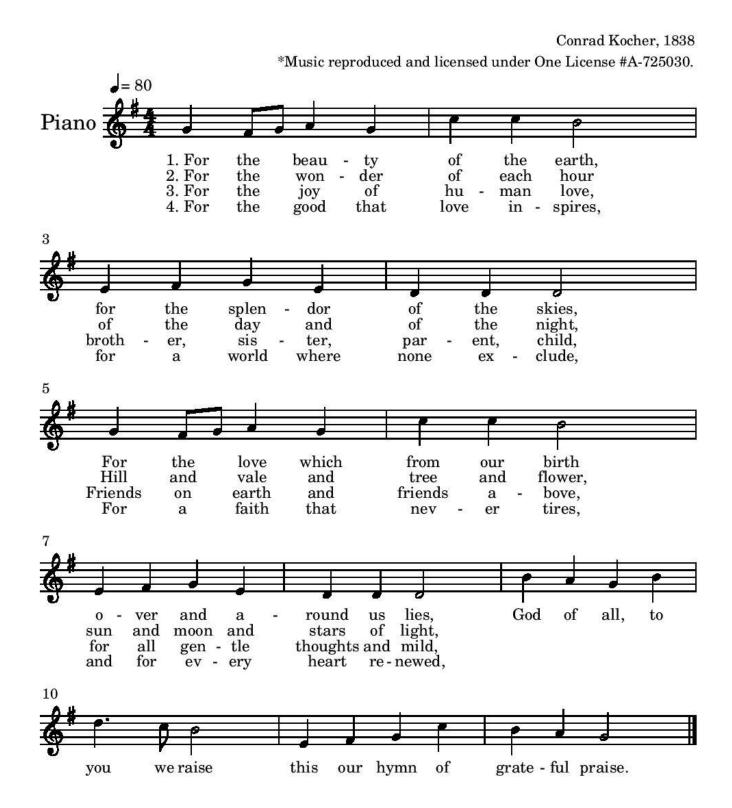
HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 28 NCH (see next page)

For the Beauty of the Earth

The offering will be collected during the Hymn of the Day.



For the Beauty of the Earth



WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM

By Our Love

by Nockels

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION EUCHARISTIC PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

> ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come and Dine the Master calleth, come and dine.

C: Come and dine the master calleth, come and dine.

P: He is present at our table all the time.

C: He is present at our table all the time.

P: He who fed the multitude, turned the water into wine

C: He who fed the multitude, turned the water into wine

P: Come and Dine the Master calleth, come and dine.

C: Come and dine the master calleth, come and dine.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: We give thanks for this meal, as together we pray,

C: Wise and generous God, we thank you that at this holy table you have fed us again with the food of everlasting life. Send us with your blessing to seek the good of our neighbor and call others to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 144 UNITED METHODIST HYMNAL (see next page) This is My Father's World

This Is My Father's World

Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901 Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915 *Music reproduced and licensed under One License #A-725030. = 80Piano 1. This my Fa-ther's world. and is to my lis - tening 2. This my Fa-ther's world, the birds their car - ols is 3. This is my Fa-ther's world. 0 let me ne'er for -5 ears all na - ture sings, and round me rings the raise, the morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de though the wrong seems so strong, God - get that oft 8 sic the spheres. This my Fa-ther's world: Ι of is mu my Fa-ther's world: - clare their mak-er's praise. This he is is the rul - er yet. This is my Fa-ther's world: why 12 thought of of in the rocks and trees. rest me in the grass shines in all that's fair: rust - ling Ι should my heart be sad? The let the Lord is King; 15 skies and seas; his hand the wrought. won - ders hear him pass; he speaks where. to me ev-ery heav-en's ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad.

*BENEDICTION³ POSTLUDE

References

¹The Call to Worship and Opening Prayer are written by Rev. Nancy J. and posted on wonderings thru life and other such

nonsense. http://ruminari.wordpress.com/2010/12/09/advent-3a-call-to-worship/

²This re-telling of Genesis 1 is from KAIROS Water Worship

Service www.kairoscanada.org and accessed 4/25/24.

³The Benediction was written by Henrietta Stith Andrews, and posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways website. http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/year-c/p/pentecost-ordinary-time-23.html

<u>Volunteers</u>

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning! A special thank-you to our Community Life team for planning the church picnic!

<u>Welcome Team Members</u>—Faye Heal, Les & Doris Loucks, John & Connie Wolfe

<u>Liturgist</u>—Freddie Northridge

Offering Helper—Nova Ramsey

<u>Tech Team</u>George DeMers, John Schriver, & Joe Vacante

Musicians—Hayden Dallam, Denny Daugherty, & Travis Pinci

<u>Worship Choir</u>Andrea Adams, Tom Bair, Brenda Beyer, Braden Bicher, Lana Fritz, Carol Hartman, Norma Hull, Michael Maletz, Jen Miller, Barb Neff, Paula Strayer

