

713 Touch the Earth Lightly

Capo 3: (G) (Dsus) (D) (Em) (Bsus) (Bm)
 B^b Fsus F Gm Dsus Dm

1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
 2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
 3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
 4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,

(C) (D7) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
 E^b F7 B^b Cm7 Fsus F

nour - ish the life of the world in our care:
 a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
 wa - ter that bless - es and air that is sweet,
 God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,

(G) (Dsus) (D) (Em) (Bsus) (Bm)
 B^b Fsus F Gm Dsus Dm

gift of great won - der, ours to sur - ren - der,
 we who would fos - ter clouds of di - sas - ter,
 health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
 teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,

(C) (G) (Em) (Am7) (D) (G) (G)
 E^b B^b Gm Cm7 F B^b B^b

trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
 re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
 us - ing us gent - ly and mak - ing us one.

An Australian aboriginal saying opens this gentle hymn from New Zealand on the stewardship of creation. "Clouds of disaster" in the second stanza refers to the testing of nuclear devices then occurring in the Pacific Ocean, but the concern for all created things is timeless.

Welcome to Riverside Presbyterian Church

February 4, 2018 ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Boy Scout Sunday

Ask an usher for audio hearing units. ~ Please silence your cell phones.
 Childcare is available for children 1st grade and younger in the upstairs childcare room.
 Sermons available at <https://vimeo.com/riversidepresbyterian>

CHIMING THE HOUR WELCOME

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

* PASSING OF THE PEACE (Responsive)
 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE *Improvisation from Suite Médiévale*

Langlais

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)
 We gather to worship God,
 whose creative imagination never fails:
For the sake of God, we will search for the outcasts.
 We gather to praise our God,
 whose steadfast love never weakens:
For the sake of God, we will lift up all who have fallen.
 We gather to offer our best to God,
 who walks with us through eternity:
For the sake of the Holy Spirit, we will walk with the weary.

* HYMN 293 *This Is My Father's World*

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

We cannot hide from you, Everlasting God, even if we were to go from one edge of creation to the next. You speak to us of compassion, but the ways in which we treat others

show we have not been listening. You explain your hopes to us, and we act as if we don't have a clue as to what is going on. We run as fast, and as far, from you as we can, and wonder why we have no energy to follow Jesus.

Yet you search for us in all the deserted places we flee to, Never-wearied God, so you can take us by the hand to show us the way to life with you. You heal our broken hearts so we can offer them to others. *Silence is kept.*

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* HYMN 579

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

HYMN 333 verse 1

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 147:1-11

Isaiah 40:21-31

MEDITATION

Touch the Earth

* HYMN

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WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

Joshua-Jericho

Simms

* HYMN *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow with Alleluias*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE JOYFUL FEAST OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Communion is open to all and is served in the pews. As you receive the elements please hold them, so we may commune together as the people of God.

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

May God be with you.

May God be also with you.

People of God, open your hearts.

We open our hearts to God and to each other.

Let us give thanks to the Living God.

With joy and praise, we offer our thanks to the One who offers abundant life.

In the morning ... we lift our praises to you now and forever:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of all knowledge. All creation sings glad praises to you. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who came for our sake. Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you ... God in Community, Holy in One.

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.

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN 411

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

* BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Prelude & Fugue in C BWV 553*

J.S. Bach

* *You are invited to stand if able.*