



**Pilgrim Lutheran Church
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 25, 2021**



WORSHIP AT HOME

All are Welcome at Pilgrim Lutheran Church!

*We've been expecting you, because we are always expecting pilgrims —
the people of God on the journey of faith and life!*

Welcome to Worship at Home!

In this extraordinary time in our world, as we follow public health guidelines, for the care of the neighbor and ourselves, we are keeping our physical distance. But we are still connected in the body of Christ. As a Pilgrim community, we will not be gathering in the flesh for worship for an unknown period of time, but we are seeking ways to provide support for worshipping at home, for caring for one another, and for nurturing our journeys of faith.

This online bulletin is a guide to what we are offering to support you in worshipping at home on this Sunday, as we seek to continue to connect with God and with the Pilgrim body of Christ and with the body of Christ around the world.

Regarding upcoming Pilgrim events, we commend you to Pilgrim community emails (always posted on the Pilgrim website in the Covid section), as well as the Pilgrim monthly newsletter (posted on the Pilgrim website), where we will continue to share updates.

In these challenging days in our world, we are grateful for the gift of worship, that invites us to bring the fullness of our personal and community sorrows and joys to the God who holds us all, in all, through all.

PILGRIM is...

*...A Home for Hungry
Minds and Souls*

*...An inclusive Christian
worshipping community
that seeks, nurtures, and
empowers hungry minds
and souls to live gener-
ously in response to God's
love.*

*...A Reconciling in Christ
Congregation*

*...A Caring for Creation
Congregation*

...An ELCA Congregation

*Before the service,
speak to God;*

*During the service,
let God speak to you;*

*After the service,
speak to one another.*

ELW = Evangelical
Lutheran Worship

ACS= All Creation Sings

L = Leader, Regular Print

C = Congregation, Bold

PRELUDE

*The text may be read on
pg. 8.*

*Written by Diane and
Paul Jacobson*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE Water of Life Ben Winkler

Written this year by our tenor Choral Scholar, for his niece’s baptism

Choral Scholars and choir members

SILENCE *The singing bowl invites us into a few moments of silence and reflection.*

WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

L: This land is not just this address. From time immemorial there was a people whose lives and story were woven into this land. Pilgrim Lutheran Church stands on the ancestral homeland of the Dakota people. They were forcibly exiled from their land starting with the treaties of 1837 and 1851 and were nearly exterminated after the 1862 US Dakota war. Today we acknowledge the Dakota people, past and present, for their ongoing story, stewardship and care of this land. We condemn and lament the way colonialism pillaged both the land and the Dakota way of life. Pilgrim Lutheran Church commits to ongoing efforts to recognize, support, and advocate for the Dakota and other Indigenous peoples. Let us take a moment of silence to imagine the sounds of the Dakota people living and flourishing here, before this land was colonized.

EARTH DAY LITANY

L: Friends, Let us join our voices With city and all of its dwellers,
With farmland and all that is rural, With country and all citizens,
With world and all of God’s people,

C: With the woods and all its creatures, The sky and all its singers,

L: With prairie and all its howlers, The forest and all its prowlers,

C: With sea and all its swimmers, And lake alive with minnows,

L: The pond all filled with muddlers, The swamp with all its croakers,

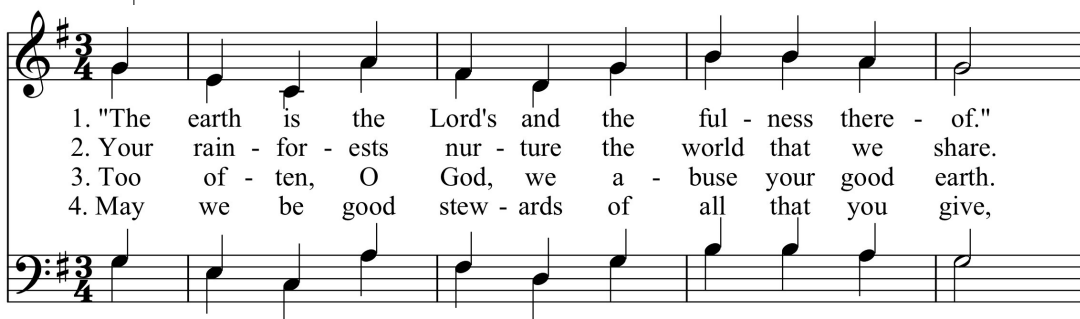
C: With snow and all its huddlers, And ice a-glide with sleek sliders,

L: With desert filled sharply with sticklers
And badlands so rich with all colors.

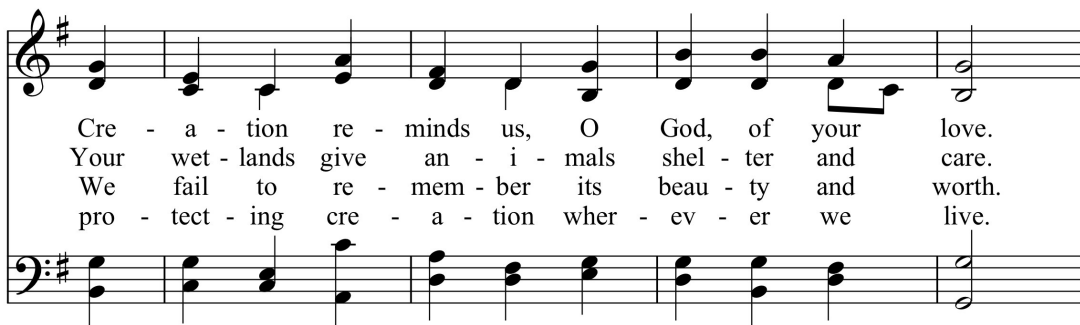
**C: Let us join voices with all of creation. And bring to
our God our joys and our sorrows, Our praise and lament.**

L: We know, as we gather, we are all held in love
By the arms of our LORD, from below and above.

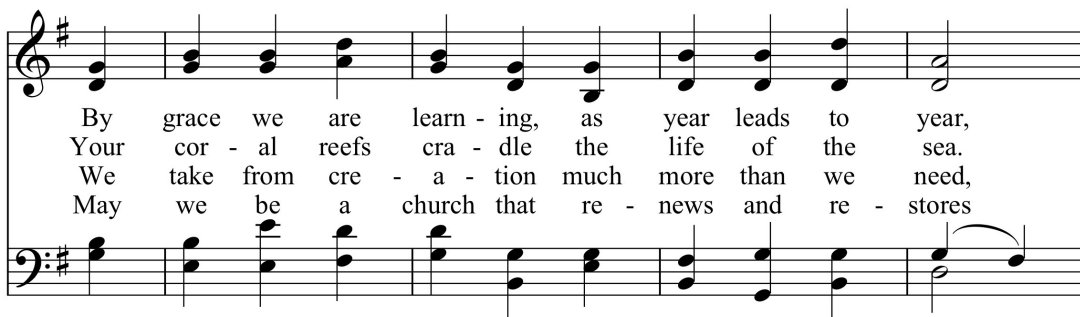
GATHERING HYMN The Earth is the Lord's and the Fullness Thereof



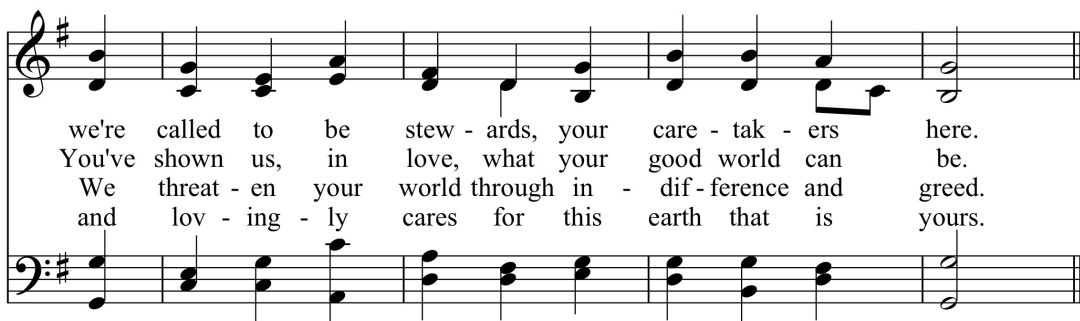
1. "The earth is the Lord's and the ful - ness there - of."
 2. Your rain - for - ests nur - ture the world that we share.
 3. Too of - ten, O God, we a - buse your good earth.
 4. May we be good stew - ards of all that you give,



Cre - a - tion re - minds us, O God, of your love.
 Your wet - lands give an - i - mals shel - ter and care.
 We fail to re - mem - ber its beau - ty and worth.
 pro - tect - ing cre - a - tion wher - ev - er we live.



By grace we are learn - ing, as year leads to year,
 Your cor - al reefs cra - dle the life of the sea.
 We take from cre - a - tion much more than we need,
 May we be a church that re - news and re - stores



we're called to be stew - ards, your care - tak - ers here.
 You've shown us, in love, what your good world can be.
 We threat - en your world through in - dif - ference and greed.
 and lov - ing - ly cares for this earth that is yours.

WORDS: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2001

MUSIC: Welsh melody from John Roberts's *Canaidau y Cyssegr*, 1839

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Gracious God.... and renew our fragile planet.

C: **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

POINT FOR PILGRIMS

PSALM 23


Text and music by
Marty Haugen

PSALM 23

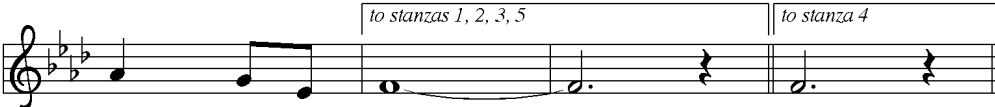
Shepherd Me, O God

ELW № 780

Refrain
All




Shep-herd me, O God, be-yond my wants, be-yond my fears, from




death in - to life. *to stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5* *to stanza 4*

Leader or All




1 God is my shep-herd, so noth-ing shall I want, I
2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you
3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I



rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I
lead me by path-ways of righ - teous-ness and truth, my
fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your

Refrain



walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.
spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.
rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.

5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life. I will dwell
in the house of my God forevermore.

⁷But ask the animals, and they will teach you;
the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
⁸ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you;
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.
⁹Who among all these does not know
that the hand of the LORD has done this?
¹⁰In his hand is the life of every living thing
and the breath of every human being.

L: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

The Garden Needs Our Tending Now

Mary Louise Bringle

UNE JEUNE PUCELLE
French melody



1. The gar - den needs our tend - ing now — the
2. Where air and wa - ters, crys - tal bright, have
3. When hu - man tribes and na - tions vie to
4. While peo - ples die in pov - er - ty, some




wa - ter, soil, and air. The ver - y
now grown choked and foul, the spar - row's
own its fer - tile yield, the Psalm - ist
lives are thick with waste. The Proph - ets




rocks and stones cry out for stew - ard - ship and
Mak - er mourns the loss of ea - gle, fal - con,
knows the earth is God's, its full - ness, grace re -
warn us: "Sim - pli - fy!" Their chal - lenge must be

HYMN by Mary Louise
Bringle published in the
2014 hymnal “Sing of
the World Made New”
#21. The Latin phrase at
the end means “Greenest
earth.”



care. Cre - a - tion groans, a - wait - ing still the
owl. Cre - a - tion groans, its crea - tures yearn for
vealed. Cre - a - tion groans, and pleads for hands to
faced. Cre - a - tion groans, a - wait - ing still a



con - sum - ma - tion of God's will:
wil - der - ness and peace re - turned:
bring God's heal - ing to its lands:
Church re - spon - sive to God's will:



Earth shall be green and new, E - den re - stored.



Ter - ra vir - i - dis - si - ma.

SILENCE
*The singing bowl
invites us into a few
moments of silence and
reflection.*

SERMON

Beyond Earth Day”

Matthew Anderson

SILENCE

PRAYER

We give thanks for the Word proclaimed and for all the gifts of God, and we
pray for all of God’s creation

PEACE

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING INVITATION

*During this time, we invite you to share of your God-given blessings.
Consider going to “donate” on the Pilgrim website or mail a check to us at
Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 1935 St. Clair Ave, St. Paul, MN 55105.
<https://tinyurl.com/pilgrimstpaul>*

1 “Ab - ba, Ab - ba, hear us,” we cry; God’s Spir - it
 2 With the whole cre - a - tion we cry, groan as in
 3 As we pray, the Spir - it breathes sighs, sighs far too

cries in us, names us a - dopt - ed and be - lov - ed
 child - birth. Soon all sin, all death’s de - cay will be no
 deep for words; God, who search - es hearts and knows the Spir - it’s

heirs, the heirs of God. All cre - a - tion
 more; we shall be free. All cre - a - tion
 mind, hears all our prayer. All cre - a - tion

3
 waits, ea - ger and long - ing, for the glo - rious
 waits, ea - ger and long - ing; for the prom - ised
 waits, ea - ger and long - ing. As we live in

free - dom of God’s chil - dren soon will be re - vealed.
 glo - ry that we soon shall see we wait and pray.
 hope, we know that in all things God works for good.

Text: Andrew Donaldson, b. 1951

Music: ARIRANG, Korean traditional

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SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — after each petition:

L: God of mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER
This version of the Lord's Prayer, with the words "save us in the time of trial," is from the Iona Community in Scotland.

LORD'S PRAYER
L: Living God, Our Mother,
C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

How Miniscule This Planet

AURELIA

1. How min - is - cule this plan - et a - midst the stars at night, a
2. To geth - er faith and sci - ence ex - tend what we can see, and
3. And from that won - der blos - soms a won - der that ex - ceeds the
4. By Christ we are con - nect - ed to ev - ery shin - ing star, to

mote that floats in vast - ness, mere dust that catch - es light, yet,
am - pli - fy our won - der at all you bring to be: how
reach of hu - man dream - ing for meet - ing earth's deep needs: the
ev - ery at - om spin - ning, to all the things that are, and

God, you count of val - ue, of bound - less, pre - cious worth, all
en - er - gy and mat - ter have co - a - lesced in space as
Christ, in whom all mat - ter, all en - er - gies co - here, is
to your ver - y be - ing, a - round, be - low, a - bove, suf -



Music: Samuel S. Wesley; Text: Thomas Troeger (2014)

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace...

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Majesty

arr. Douglas Wagner

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Reader — Mark Gunsten

Point for Pilgrims — Carl, Eda, and Liam Samuelson

Zoom Technical Support — Matthias Baese

PRELUDE text by Ben Winkler

Water if life, water of love, water of hope and joy.

Water that beckons and calls from above.

Water of promise.

Chorus:

The promise is old, the promise is new, the promise is never-ending.

The water's alive bestowed with a grace unearned.

And then when we die, our death is in Christ, and so is our resurrection day.

Daily we die; we die to our sin.

Daily the law condemns.

Daily we rise for God conquered the tomb.

This is God's promise.

Chorus

From the Mother and through the Son, and in the Holy Spirit and unto ages and ever
more: God's love abounds.



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