

**4th Sunday of Easter /Earth Day
April 22, 2018**

***Please silence all cell phones
stand as able***

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PREPARATION

Silent Prayer and Meditation - Irenaeus (130-202
A.D.)

*The initial step for a soul to come to knowledge
of God is contemplation of nature."*

Prelude **Pastorale**
CORELLI

Greetings and Announcements (Please sign pew pads)

The Ringing of the Bell

Introit ***How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place***

POWELL

***Call to Worship** From St. Francis' *Canticle to the Sun*

**We praise you God, for Brother Sun, who brings the day.
Thank you for giving us light through him.**

**We praise you God, for Sister Moon and the
Stars.**

**In heaven you have formed them, bright, and
precious, and beautiful.**

**We praise you God, for Brother Wind, and for Air, for
Cloud, and for all the weather, by which you give your
creatures nourishment.**

**We praise you God, for Sister Water.
She is useful, and humble, and precious, and
pure.**

**We praise you God, for Brother Fire, by whom you light
up the night. How handsome he is, how happy, how
powerful and strong!**

**We praise you God, for our Sister, Mother
Earth, who Nourishes and governs us, and
produces wonderful fruits, flowers and herbs.
With all the creatures of your Creation, we praise you!**

Hymn No. 20** ***All Things Bright and Beautiful ROYAL
OAK

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Loving Creator, we come to you in awe of the
works of your hand. The roaring thunder and
crashing seas remind us of our need for
humility. Like Adam and Eve, in our desire to
taste the good life, we overstep the boundaries
you have placed on your Creation. We are sorry.
Teach us to be humble, Lord. Focus our minds
on your work: to till and keep the Creation,
helping it to flourish and sustain life. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Response of Praise No 581 ***Gloria Patri***

***The Exchange of Peace**

**Peace be with you! And also with you!
(Greet one another, sharing God's peace.)**

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Sermon and the Lord's Prayer
The Congregation sings Jesus Loves Me! vs. 1
(Children and Youth are excused for Church School.)

Anthem ***For the Beauty of the Earth***

RUTTER

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 104

Sermon

***Going Green from the Beginning* Rev.**

Kloepfer

Hymn No. 15 (Vss. 1-3) *All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Pastoral Prayer

DEDICATION AND RESPONSE

Offering

Minute for Mission *Wings as Eagles* Lori McAfee & Lakota Kids

Offertory

Doxology No. 606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Prayer of Dedication**

Hymn No. 14 (Vss. 1-3) *For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *Majeur* from Messe pour les Paroisses

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