

CELEBRATING THE SABBATH
Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021 at 10 o'clock



The resurrection of Jesus is not an isolated miracle but a disclosure of God's purpose finally to subdue death and to embrace us within the life of the resurrection.

Richard Hayes,
Reading Scripture in Light of the Resurrection, essay

PRELUDE

*Sounds from Our Backyards
With the Songs of Various Local Birds*

Jim Boratko

SHARING OUR WELCOME VIRTUALLY

WE COME TO WORSHIP

One: When we are confused

Many: Lord, give us peace.

One: When we are afraid

Many: Lord, give us peace.

One: When we are lost in grief

Many: Lord, give us peace.

**All: O God, meet us where you find us
and grant us peace!**

HYMN #61

All Things Bright and Beautiful

[Click here to see hymn](#)

Join as you are able!

**Refrain: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, in love God made them all.**

**Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings. (Refrain)**

**The purple headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. (Refrain)**

OPENING PRAYER

O God of all our days,

We seek to know you, to see you, to touch you.

Open our hearts, that we might experience you anew in the created world.

Open our minds, to understand the things that have gone before in light of resurrection.

Open our lives, that we may be faithful witnesses to your resurrection.

May we bear witness to your liberating love to all people, everywhere. Amen

A MOMENT FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Lauren Dube

SELECTION

All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir
The Jolly Beggars

Bill Staines

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Luke 24:36b-48](#)

Jimmy Quinn

SERMON

Got Fish?

Erica Avena

A TIME OF PRAYER

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.

A WORD FROM OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Jennifer deSimas, Director, JP Webster Library

RESPONDING WITH OUR GIFTS

Offertory

Another Great Day to Be Alive
Hiroya Tsukamoto, guitar

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Doxology, Words: Hymnal, No. 47; Tune: Hymnal, No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

HYMN

Reprise

[Click here to see hymn](#)

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all things wise and wonderful, in love God made them all.**

**The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them everyone. (Refrain)**

**God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell,
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. (Refrain)**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on LASST UNS ERFREUN
"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Jim Boratko