

Welcome to
The Presbyterian Church of Saint David
Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 22, 2018
Earth Day

Opening Responses:

L> Christ is risen!

P> Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

L> The mystery of human existence
is that we belong to God
and have been made in the divine image.

P> In God we live and move and have our being.

Therefore, we know ourselves only when we know God.

L> Our lives must reflect
the Creator's love and purpose for all creation.

P> We acknowledge God as Creator and Lord.

L> We serve and love God
by the service and love of creation
especially the care of the needy.

**P> Every kind of work that is honest and serves others
is a vocation from the Lord.**

L> Though life is a gift from God,
human life depends on the created world.

P> Our care for the world must reflect God's care.

Prayer of Adoration:

L> O God, you command the day to dawn,
you teach the morning to waken the earth.

ALL> Great is your name, great is your love.

L> For the valleys shall sing for joy,
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

ALL> Great is your name, great is your love.

L> For the rulers of the earth shall bow,
the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.

ALL> Great is your name, great is your love.

L> Your love and mercy shall last forever.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

**ALL> Great is your name, great is your love.
Alleluia! Amen.**

Hymn: This is my Father's world

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RESPONSE in Preparation for the Readings:

L> Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God
as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

ALL> Our hearts and minds are open.

The Word of God: *Psalm 98*

Colossians 1:15-23

*For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.*

ALL> Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Hymn: Come to us, beloved Stranger

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Invitation

**Prayer of Thanksgiving & Blessing, Prayers for Others
Communion**

Prayer: *(said together)*

**Loving God, thank you for bringing us
into communion with our risen Saviour,
and with all who love him in heaven and on earth.
Help us to carry your salvation and joy to all the world
in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn: To show by touch and word

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Closing Responses: *[from The Iona Community]*

L> Lord of life, you walk this journey
with us and through us;

ALL> Lead us, Lord, lead us on.

L> Journeying within, and wrestling with the world,

ALL> Lead us, Lord, lead us on.

L> Lead us to risk, to grow, and to tread the path
you have opened for us;

ALL> Lead us, Lord, lead us on.

L> And let us rejoice that every place is your place;

ALL> In the Name of Christ, the Risen One. Amen.