

ORDER of WORSHIP for Sunday, April 21, 2024, 9:30 am

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EARTH DAY

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| Prelude | “For the Beauty of the Earth” | arr. Chris Rice |
| Land Acknowledgment Statement | | Tom Balcom |
| Welcome | | Travis Norvell |
| *Gathering Hymn #17 Verses 1-4 | “To You, O God, All Creatures Sing” | Lasst Uns Erfreuen |
| First Lesson | Remember read by Carolyn Kolovitz | Joy Harjo |
| Time with Children | | Travis Norvell |
| Choral Anthem | “All Things Bright and Beautiful” | John Rutter |
| Personal Reflection | | Beth Waterhouse |
| Centering Moment | | Carolyn Kolovitz |
| Interfaith Climate Prayer for Earth Sunday | | Linda Wingader |

We Hold the Earth

We hold brothers and sisters who suffer from storms and droughts intensified by climate change. We hold all species that suffer. We hold world leaders delegated to make decisions for life. We pray that the web of life may be mended through courageous actions to limit carbon emissions. We pray for right actions for adaptation and mitigation to help our already suffering earth community. We pray that love and wisdom might inspire my actions and our actions as communities. . . so that we may, with integrity, look into the eyes of brothers and sisters and all beings and truthfully say, we are doing our part to care for them and the future of the children. May love transform us and our world with new steps toward life

Lord's Prayer (music in pew rack)

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| Second Lesson | selections from Genesis 15 & John 10 | Travis Norvell |
| Sermon | Behind, Before, In, Among, & All Around | Travis Norvell |
| Offertory Hymn | “O God, You Made the Trees” | Terra Beata By Carolyn Winfrey Gillette |

(remain seated)

All cash placed in the offering plates goes to **Joyce Food Shelf**.

Joyce Uptown Food Shelf's mission is to distribute food to those in need with respect and dignity.

1. O God, you made the trees! The oak and Douglas fir,
the maple, beech, and sweetgum reach their branches heavenward.
The willow, growing wide — the redwood, tall and strong —
and cedar trees! Yes, all of these sing out creation's song.
2. You made each living thing to give and to receive.
As roots grow down into the ground, they twist and interweave.
A canopy of green restores and cools the air.
Great branches shade the earth you made, and dance — as if in prayer.

3. How often we forget the forests and their worth!
We lay cement on places meant to be the lungs of earth.
For profit and for gain, we build and build some more;
We cut down woods in neighborhoods of people who are poor.
4. O God, you made the trees — the apple and the pine.
You made them all and still you call: "Take care of what is mine!"
May we receive your gift and give ourselves anew
to do our best, as we've been blessed, to care for trees for you.

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***Doxology**

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Blessing

Travis Norvell

Choral Amen

Judson Choir

*Stand if you are able



Bring Your Hopes, Bring Your Doubts, Feed Your Soul.



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Judson Church Land Acknowledgement

Place is more than just a piece of land. It is a piece of who we are. For too long, we have associated this place where Judson Church sits with our European/American roots, forgetting the people who called this place home for centuries before us.

Mini-SO ta Mah-CO-cheh, Land where the Waters Reflect the Sky and specifically this part of the Twin Cities is the ancestral home of the Da CO tah wah-PEH-koo-tay people. It is home to their creation stories; it is where they hunted, fished, harvested, and cared for the land, raised families, celebrated life in community, and laid their loved ones to rest.

We acknowledge that “we the people,” our ancestors and governments, forcibly removed the wah-PEH-koo-tay from their ancestral lands through relocation, warfare, execution, imprisonment in concentration camps, starvation, disease, and forced assimilation. Treaties were made and subsequently broken by us. We remember and lament the history of this land.

Today we acknowledge and appreciate our Da CO tah, Anisha NAH-bay, and other Indigenous peoples as neighbors and fellow citizens. We commit to do better by our neighbors, to stand with them and to learn from them as we seek to create a community that sees the Creator’s face in everything.

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SCENES AT JUDSON ON 4-21-24



Flowers on Sunday, April 14, 2024



Childrens Time 4-14-24 showing collectibles

Scott Simpson's
sermonette on 4-14-24



Jason Keppe, emcee for Dinner and a Show on 4-13-24



The Uncommon Denominators-Bruce & Sue Elliott, Van Johnson, and Doug Weatherhead. Dinner & a Show 4-13-24



Fendrick & Peck-Madeline Fendrick and Brian Peck. Dinner & a Show 4-13-24



Jeleche-Colleen Bertsch (violin), Maja Radovanlija (guitar), and Rada Kolarov (singer). Dinner & a Show 4-13-24

Dinner & a Show 4-13-24 – all performers on stage for the last number.





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