



# Dayspring

## United Methodist Church

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9:00 a.m.

### WELCOME

We are committed to transforming the church and the world into a full expression of Christ's inclusive love.

Dayspring UMC is a Reconciling Congregation. All people, regardless of age, sex, race, color, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic status or ability are welcome into the full life of our congregation. Dayspring affirms the value and worth of all persons, recognizing that everyone is a child of God. We call all to live by and attest to gender equality and to observe Jesus' principles of love and non-violence in all our relationships.

Together we are on a mission to make God's world more peaceful, just, compassionate and inclusive.

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO CELEBRATE *EARTH DAY SUNDAY*

ANNOUNCEMENT SLIDES AND MUSIC

"God of the Sparrow"

Dayspring Trio

GREETING

Rev. Jeff Procter-Murphy

LOVE LETTER TO THE EARTH

Ruth Boyle

CALL TO CELEBRATION

Dianne Roberson

*Let us give thanks for the world around us.*

**Thanks for all the creatures, stones and plants**

*Let us learn their lessons and seek their truths,*

**So that their path might be ours,**

**And we might live in harmony, a better life.**

*May the Earth continue to live,*

**May the heavens above continue to live,**

*May the rains continue to dampen the land,*

**May the wet forests continue to grow,**

*Then the flowers shall bloom*

**And we people shall live again.**

\*OPENING HYMN

"All Creatures of the Earth and Sky"

\*OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

**God of all Creation,**

**At the beginning of time**

**You placed a single mandate on humankind:**

**To be caregivers of Creation**

**To replenish and nurture all generations**

**What you have made**

**We find ourselves today amid that same Creation—  
A world that is, in many ways, more splendid than ever  
But, in too many ways, scarred beyond recognition  
Turn us from our unmindfulness  
Help our touch be light  
Help us renew the worlds that supports us  
So we may once more know Creation  
As it was in the beginning.  
Amen.**

RESPONSE

**Embracing earth, you, day by day,  
Bring forth your blessings on our way, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
All herbs and fruits that richly grow, Let them the glory also show:  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

LOVE LETTER TO THE EARTH

Suzanne and David Harbster

A TIME FOR OUR CHILDREN

Emily Slater

Jesus said, "Let the children come unto me." Mark 10:13

LOVE LETTER TO THE EARTH

Robert and Pauline Smith

ANTHEM

**"For the Beauty of the Earth"  
Dayspring Chorale**

John Rutter

LOVE LETTER TO THE EARTH

Mariska Bogaard

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers can be entered online at [dayspring-umc.org/prayers](http://dayspring-umc.org/prayers)

CALL TO PRAYER

**"Come, Spirit, Come"**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Joel Bullock

Jesus said, "Pray always and don't lose heart." Luke 18:1

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LOVE LETTER TO THE EARTH

Jen Rooney

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 148:7-13

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church  
**Thanks be to God**

LOVE LETTERS TO THE EARTH

Vanessa Lueck and Eric Bogaard

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

give online at: [dayspringumc.org/give](http://dayspringumc.org/give)

Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

OFFERTORY

**"Garden Song"  
Dayspring Children's Choir**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

LOVE LETTER TO THE EARTH

Bev and Larry Haubrock

CLOSING HYMN

“Creation Sings!”

LOVE LETTER TO THE EARTH

Martha Broderson

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

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## PRAYERS

**Povl Boesen**, hospitalized with serious health issues; **John Lanham Sr.**, dear friend of Lynn Lonergan, under hospice care at Chandler Regional Hospital; **Mary Ann**, sister of Sally Jarus, hospitalized in intensive care in Florida; **Nancy Bly and Kevin Whitney**, sister and brother-in-law of Jo Beth Dietz, as Nancy has been diagnosed with a lump on her breast and Kevin was diagnosed with a spot on his lung; **Mehana Perez**, family friend of Greta Merrick, hospitalized and on a ventilator with cancer; **Kevin Skaff**, stepfather of Carolyn Lee’s grandchildren, recovering following heart surgery on April 20; **John and his family**, friends of the Morrison family, as John is currently undergoing treatment for a very aggressive cancer; **Joaquina**, friend of Julie and Scott Morrison, currently undergoing chemotherapy; **Rachel Bravmann**, friend of Becky Ashworth’s daughter Amy, who is recovering from heart surgery; for all victims and survivors of gun violence; that we all have the wisdom and strength to continue fighting systemic injustice; for the thousands of children at the border to be cared for, to find a safe place to live, and to be reunited with their families; **The family and friends of Skip Nippress**, husband of Carol Johnston, following his death on April 7; **The family and friends of Mary Ann Graddy**, aunt of Mary Thielemeir, following her death on April 13; **Justin Baker**, cousin of Matt and Lindsay Lauer, recovering in Flagstaff following quadruple bypass surgery; **Dan Jones**, brother-in-law of Cheryl Anderson, starting chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer; the family of Daunte Wright and the people of Minneapolis; for the pastors and leaders of Dayspring UMC, in gratitude of their service to this church; for refugees worldwide, including the Al Naeem and Derow-Mohamed families; for all the indigent people in our society who suffer through all the seasons of the year; for all who actively serve the public common good, including our men and women in the military.

## Ongoing Health Concerns

Kitty Moran, Michael Luzaich, Marvel Schlick, Joyce Dolin, Skylar-Ann Dunham, Barbara Link, Cindy Sacha, Diane Paz, Heidi Bullock, Anthony Lee, Claire Logan, Pedro Lujan, Jenny Baker, Sheila Fisher, Emily Fitzpatrick, Esther Melo se Orozco, Ron Kessing, Karen Marco, Evelyn Kerr, Fred Miles, Laura Bacon Ruck, and Harrison Lee.

## For our Healthcare Workers

Cheryl Anderson, Helen Bates, Alan Cadman, Brianna Cadman, Bill Chauvin, Sabrina Gacke, Eric Garlington, Marcie Gest, Amanda Grace, Lara Graf, Tammy Jelen, Karen Kirkland, Trish Lamb, Michelle Locke, Joely Martin, Annie Mayson, Jordan Obray, Simon Parkinson, Jennifer Prochniewski, Laura Bacon Ruck, Lauren Ruck, Kim Searing, AmyLou Simminger, Kathy Vigness, and Christina Weston-Morrow.

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