

# vespers

6:30 p.m. Sunday April 26, 2009

A LIGHT IN THE CITY  
FOURTH  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
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**PRELUDE**     A Tune for the Trumpet     *Donald Stuart Wright*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

All: **the world, and those who live in it;**

Leader: For God has founded it on the seas

All: **and established it on the rivers.**

Leader: Let us gather to seek the face of God.

All: **Let us worship the living Lord,  
to whom, with God and the Holy Spirit,  
we offer our praise forever. Amen.**

\***HYMN 455**     "All Creatures of Our God and King"

*Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

## PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION *(unison)*

**For the marvel and grace of your creation,  
we offer our gratitude and praise to you,  
Eternal God, for sun and moon and stars,  
for rain and dew and winds, for winter cold  
and summer heat. We praise you for mountains  
and hills, for springs and valleys, for rivers  
and seas. We praise you for plants of the earth,  
for life inhabiting lakes and seas, for creatures  
dwelling in woods and fields and sky. And we  
praise you for our very selves, for the gift of  
precious life. How wonderful are your works,  
O God, that you have entrusted to our care.**

**We confess, merciful God, as creatures privileged  
with the care for your creation, that we have**

*\*Stand as you are able.*

abused your creation gifts through arrogance,  
ignorance, and greed. We have polluted  
your waters and destroyed your woodlands;  
we have despoiled your forests and eroded  
your soil; we have contaminated the atmosphere  
and pillaged your earth for our own gain.  
We have brought harm to one another.  
Lord have mercy upon us; heal us and forgive us.  
Set us free to serve you in the world as stewards of  
your creation, loving the earth and all that is in it,  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

### DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Hear and believe the good news!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

**PSALTER** Psalm 133 (*sung*) (The Hymnal, 241)

**ANTHEM** "In the Garden" *C. Austin Miles*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Isaiah 52:7–12 (page 642, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**COMMUNION MEDITATION** by Alice M. Trowbridge  
GREEN DISCIPLESHIP

\***HYMN 467** "How Great Thou Art" *Tune: O STORE GUD*

\***APOSTLES' CREED** (*traditional*) (The Hymnal, page 14)

## OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Christ Hath a Garden” *English folk song*  
*arr. Gerald Near*

\*DOXOLOGY (The Hymnal, 592)

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

### INVITATION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

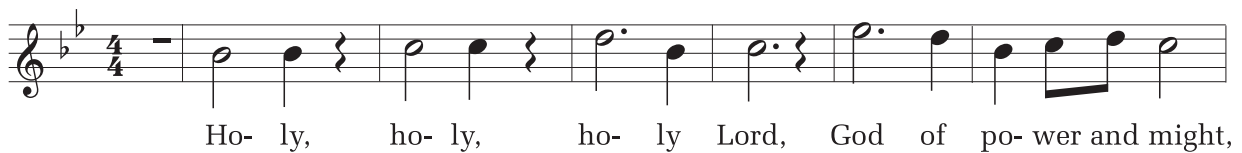
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### PRAYER

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .

. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:



## THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

**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.**

## THE COMMUNION

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

**Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received this holy sacrament may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life. May this food strengthen us in love for your whole earth and help us to serve you in all the realms of your creation, until the day when all will be restored. Alleluia. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 267** “All Things Bright and Beautiful” *Tune: ROYAL OAK*

## BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

**POSTLUDE** Now the Green Blade Riseth *Marcel Dupré*

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### WORSHIP LEADERS

**Alice M. Trowbridge** Associate Pastor

**Alison Gerlach** Deacon and Chair of  
Care of Creation Committee

**The Vespers Choir**

**Thomas E. Gouwens** Associate Organist

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