

**Order of Worship**  
**Earth Day Sunday, April 26, 2020**

**Welcome**

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

**Greeting**

**from Psalm 148**

Kelly Paulson

Praise the Lord! Praise God from the heavens; praise God in the heights!  
Praise God, all you angels; praise God, all you heavenly host!  
Praise God, sun and moon, and all you shining stars!  
Praise God, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!  
Let them praise the name of the Lord, for God commanded and they were created.  
God established them forever and ever; God fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,  
fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling God's command!  
Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!  
Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!  
Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!  
Young men and women alike, old and young together!  
Let them praise the name of the Lord, for God's name alone is exalted; God's glory is above  
earth and heaven.

**Opening Hymn**

**For the Beauty of the Earth**

*see song sheet below*

**Opening Prayer**

Kevin Sweeney

God of abundant grace,  
we praise you for the beauty of land and sea and sky.  
In giving us dominion over things on earth,  
you have made us co-workers in your creation.  
Give us wisdom and reverence to use the resources of nature  
so that no one may suffer from our abuse of them,  
and so that generations yet to come  
may continue to praise you for your bounty;  
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

**Scripture**

**Genesis 1: 26-31**  
**Matthew 25:14-30**

Kelsey White

**Children's Message**

Jon White

**Sermon**

**Creation—Do We Care?**

Jon White

**Special Music**

**Look at the World**

Rutter

Chancel, Children's and Youth Choirs and Celebration Singers (recorded Nov. 24, 2019)

**Prayer**

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

**Closing Hymn**

**Across the Lands**

*see song sheet below*

Lauren and Lisa Smith, vocals  
Mike Bannach, guitar, Rusty Smith, bass

**Benediction**

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

**Postlude**

**Dorian Dance**

Joy

Wesley Ringers II (recorded June 16, 2019)

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Today is **Earth Sunday!** We welcome a guest preacher in our worship:

Rear Admiral (retired) Jon White had a distinguished 32-year career as an oceanography and meteorology officer in the U.S. Navy, culminating in his assignment as the Oceanographer and Navigator of the Navy. This position included leadership of the Navy's Task Force Climate Change.

Jon is currently the President & CEO of the Consortium for Ocean Leadership, a non-profit corporation that represents over 90 ocean science and technology member organizations from academia and industry, advancing science and technology toward an ocean that is healthy and prosperous while meeting the needs of all life on Earth.

Jon earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Oceanography from the Florida Institute of Technology, and a Master's degree in Oceanography and Meteorology from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School.

Jon spent the majority of his Navy career using information about the environment to make military decisions. Since his retirement from the Navy, he has been using information about the environment to influence decision making on a much broader scale.

## For the Beauty of the Earth

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1. For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,  
 2. For the beau-ty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,  
 4. For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,  
 5. For thy church, that ev-er-more lift-eth ho-ly hands a-bove,  
 6. For thy-self, best Gift Di-vine, to the world so free-ly given,

for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies;  
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;  
 for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight;  
 friends on earth and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild;  
 of-fering up-on ev-ery shore her pure sac-ri-fice of love;  
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:

*Refrain*

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.  
 \* *Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac-ri-fice of praise.*

\*For Holy Communion

# Across the Lands

Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend



1. You're the Word of God the Fa-ther from be-fore the world be- gan;— ev ery  
2. Yet you left the gaze of an- gels, came to seek and save the lost— and ex-  
3. With a shout you rose vic - to-rious, wrest-ing vic-tory from the grave— and as-

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star and ev-ery plan - et— has been fash ioned by your hand. All cre - a - tion holds to-  
changed the joy of heav-en for the an- guish of a cross. With a prayer you fed the  
cend - ed in- to heav en, lead- ing cap- tives in your way. Now you stand be - fore the

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geth - er by the pow - er of your voice.—— Let the  
hun - gry, with a word you calmed the seas;—— yet how  
Fa - ther, in - ter - ced - ing for your own;—— from each

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skies de - clare your glo - ry;—— let the land and seas re - joice.——  
si - lent - ly you suf-fered, that the guilt - y may go free.——  
tribe and tongue and na - tion you are lead - ing sin - ners home.——

## *Refrain*



You're the au - thor of cre - a - tion,—— you're the Lord of ev - ery -

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one,—— and your cry of love rings out a - cross the lands.