

Mt. Sinai Congregational Church,

United Church of Christ

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We are a congregation committed to justice.

All are welcome into our full life and ministry regardless of age, race, abilities, economic or marital status, gender, sexual orientation or gender identification. We are a church that is open and affirming of all people, as we are each made in the image of God.

Adopted by the Congregation on January 11, 2009

The Fourth Sunday in Eastertide

April 21, 2024

10 o'clock

Gathering Song "Fall in Love With the Earth" Chancel Choir
Prelude "God Will Take Care of You," W. Croft Linda Preuss
Greeting Dennis Laderwager

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer Stephanie Witt

ONE: To see the life that teems around us,

MANY: To give thanks for the gift we have received;

ONE: To notice the beauty and promise of spring,

MANY: To breathe deeply of the season;

ONE: To accept the gift of love, and to love in return:

MANY: This is to worship God.

ONE: Let us pray together.

ALL: God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, thank you for bringing us to this hour. Help us to follow you, with courage. Be with us when we feel troubled. Help us to trust in the seeds we plant, even and especially those whose fruit we may never see, whose harvest will bless generations to come, as we have been blessed by the generations before us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

***Hymn #31** "All Things Bright and Beautiful" *New Century Hymnal*

A Time for Children Sue Hoff, Joanie Schreiber
(Children may go to Sunday School afterwards)

Scripture for Today Genesis 1:11-13, 29-30; 2:8 Psalm 23:2
Stephanie Witt

Message Our Sustainable Gift Yaki Cahoon

***Hymn #28** "For the Beauty of the Earth" *New Century Hymnal*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer Dennis Laderwager

Our Creator, 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.

Invitation to Generosity Stephanie Witt

Choral Offering "Look at the World," J. Rutter Chancel Choir

Song of Praise "Give Thanks"

Give thanks, with a grateful heart. Give thanks, to the holy One.
Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, the Son,
And now, let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving Stephanie Witt

ALL: Gracious and creating God, we offer these gifts and those
already given electronically. May they be seeds that bear much

fruit; may they be signs and symbols throughout creation of the
love shown to all in Jesus. Amen

Opportunities to Serve Stephanie Witt

***Hymn #12** "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" *New Century Hymnal*

Benediction Stephanie Witt

ONE: May God give you knowledge and peace beyond
understanding and pour love upon you with generous abandon.
May Jesus reveal the way to reach the unreachable with a vision of
God's love. And may the Holy Spirit inspire and empower you to
do the same as you go in the world proclaiming that God is good,
MANY: All the time!

ONE: All the time,

MANY: God is good!

ONE: Go in peace.

ALL: (Singing) "God is so good." *Choir and Congregation*

Lyrics:

God is so good.

God is so good.

God is so good.

God is so good,

God is good to me.

*Please stand as you wish