

April 30, 2023



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"Speak with the Earth"

Psalm 19

Gathered at Federated Church: 76 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

10 AM

Chimes indicate the service is starting, and silence is appreciated to prepare for worship.

Prelude *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring.* (J.S. Bach/ Babin) Joshua Konow, piano
Marcia Snavely, piano

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Betsy Wooster

Introit *For the Beauty of the Earth* (arr. David Maddux) Federated Choir;
Marcia Snavely, piano

* **Call to Worship** (*responsive*) Dawn Dole
From the poem "Beginners," by Denise Levertov

But we have only begun to love the earth.

WE HAVE ONLY BEGUN TO IMAGINE THE FULLNESS OF LIFE.

How could we tire of hope?—so much is in bud.

**HOW CAN DESIRE FAIL?—WE HAVE ONLY BEGUN TO IMAGINE JUSTICE AND
MERCY,**

Only begun to envision how it might be to live as siblings with beast and flower, not as
oppressors.

**SURELY OUR RIVER CANNOT ALREADY BE HASTENING INTO THE SEA OF
NONBEING? SURELY IT CANNOT DRAG IN THE SILT ALL THAT IS
INNOCENT?**

Not yet, not yet—there is too much broken that must be mended;

**WE HAVE ONLY BEGUN TO KNOW THE POWER THAT IS IN US IF WE WOULD
JOIN OUR SOLITUDES IN THE COMMUNION OF STRUGGLE.**

So much is unfolding that must complete its gesture,

SO MUCH IS IN BUD.

* **Passing of Christ's Peace**
(Children in grades K-8 leave for Sunday School)

* Those who are able stand

**** Worshipers may be seated

* **Hymn**

All Creatures of Our God and King

No. 22

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Dawn Dole

Gracious Creator, we ask for your wisdom and guidance to face some difficult challenges. Our actions have led us to a time when we need to rethink our living to protect and restore our Earth. Open our minds and hearts to what you will teach us. Help us to act thoughtfully and thoroughly in stewardship of our only home. Through our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Generosity Impact Moment

Rev. Wooster

Invitation to Generosity

Rev. Wooster

Anthem

Creation Hymn (Craig Courtney)

Federated Choir;
Marcia Snavelly, piano

- * **Doxology** *Halle-Halle-Halleluja* (sung twice)
Halle, Halle, Halleluja (x3)
Halleluja, Halleluja

No. 41

* **Lord's Prayer**

**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 sins, as we forgive those
who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer

Rev. Wooster

* **Hymn**

Many and Great, O God

No. 58

Scripture

Psalm 19, Selected Verses

Rev. Daniel Cooperrider

Sermon

Rev. Cooperrider



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| * Hymn | <i>God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens</i> | No. 651 |
| * Benediction | | Rev. Cooperrider |
| Postlude | <i>Bolero de Concert.</i> (Lefebure-Wely/Jones) | Joshua Konow, piano;
Marcia Snavelly, piano |

~ *Departing to Service* ~

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, May 7th, 10 AM

Rev. Betsy Wooster preaches

John 21: 1-17