



**MOUNT
AUBURN**
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Earth Care Sunday
April 21, 2024

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11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

“Melodia”

Max Reger

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judy Lindblad

INTROIT

“Come All You People”

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CALL TO WORSHIP

“There Are Those” by David Whyte
There are those we know
buried
not far beneath this green land
with whom
we have not spoken for a long time
who remember
what we have forgotten.

Nina Naberhaus

One day they will speak again
surprised at their own voices
singing the old song.

how the earth is given and taken
how the world will come again.

And we who also listen surprised
will come again to the land of lands.

Our own, the place we've chosen,
after the false start
and the slouching toward
falseness.

And find ourselves on the old roads
but new, walking with Blake, head up,
toward Jerusalem.

***HYMN #14**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Dix

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Yana Keck

Awesome Creator, we praise you for this miracle we call Spring.

The earth is alive!

The trees are budding,

The flowers are blooming,

The birds sing their cheerful songs.

Yet, we forget.

We forget that you made this all possible.

We forget that you have made us stewards of this stunning beauty.

Forgive us.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Nina Naberhaus

OFFERTORY “Checkerboard: Homage to J.S.Bach and Scott Joplin” Rick Sowash (2023)
Yo Shionoya—oboe, Lauren Schloemer—violin,
Rose Gowda—viola, Michael Ronstadt—cello

***RESPONSE #37 v. 1** “Let All Things Now Living” Ash Grove

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God’s banners are o’er us; pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** Nina Naberhaus

(Contemporary Aramaic translation by Neil Douglas-Klotz)

**O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos,
focus your light within us—make it useful.
Create your reign of unity now—
your one desire then acts with ours,
as in all light, so in all forms.
Grant what we need each day in bread and insight.
Loose the cords of mistakes binding us,
as we release the strands we hold of others' guilt.
Don't let surface things delude us,
but free us from what holds us back.
From you is born all ruling will,
the power and the life to do,
the song that beautifies all,
from age to age it renews.
Truly—power to these statements—
may they be the ground from which all my actions grow: Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & GOOD NEWS Bill Stiver

***HYMN #80** “The Trees of the Field” The Trees of the Field

***BENEDICTION** “Wild Geese” by Mary Oliver Mark Schuller

POSTLUDE “The Ash Grove” Charles Callahan

**Rise in body and/or spirit as you are able*

Ten Ways to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint



1. Carpool

2. Make your next car energy efficient (hybrid or electric)

3. Insulate and weatherize your home

4. Install solar panels on your roof

5. Plant a tree

6. Shop sustainably/
recycle clothing

7. Eat less meat and more
veggies, fruits and grains

8. Use reusable shopping
bags and use less plastic

9. Install LED light bulbs

10. Turn down your water
heater to 120 degrees F

Most people are aware that MAPC has established a relationship with the HUB - the local Cincinnati Recycling and Reuse Center.

The HUB is located at 911 Evans St. They are open on Thursdays from 12-6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10-2 p.m. Their number is 513-629-9040.

Contact the Earth Care Team if you would like more information or would like to join us when we volunteer at the HUB. We'd love to have you join us!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT MAPC!

We aspire to practice fearless love for all people, regardless of race, economic standing, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, ability, or any other factor.

A special welcome is extended to students from the University, the College Conservatory of Music, and the hospitals. You are invited to hold MAPC as your church home during your period of study here.

We welcome and encourage children of all ages to worship with us, and if they wish, to use the “Prayground” in the back of the sanctuary, where several visual and tactile activities are available to make worship more accessible to children. Parents are encouraged to talk with Pastor Lucinda about any questions regarding children’s activities and accessibility at MAPC.

ABOUT OUR INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE

Following Christ’s example of radical hospitality, we seek to use language in worship that reflects both the rich diversity of the human family and our understanding that all names for God are metaphors that capture only aspects of the fullness of God. We expand our ways of understanding God by using various pronouns and a multitude of God’s many names in liturgy.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

To view the Friday newsletter including announcements for the week, join our email subscription by reaching out to the office!

ONLINE GIVING

