



*A New Creation:  
“God’s Wide World”*

**April 21, 2024, 10:30 a.m.  
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**First United Methodist Church of Newton  
111 Ryerson Avenue, Newton NJ**

# Order of Worship

(\*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE		Christie Spriggs
GREETING		Rev. Todd Lattig
*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)		Kathleen Meredith
	Let us gaze upon the sun at dawn; <b>in it, may God's gift of life be proclaimed.</b> Let us notice the colors of the earth; <b>in them, may God's beauty be seen.</b> Let us stand in the darkness of the night; <b>in it, may God's presence be felt.</b> <b>Come, let us worship the Creator of Life!</b>	
*HYMN	"All Creatures of Our God and King" UMH 62 (v 1-4)	
*OPENING PRAYER (unison)		Kathleen Meredith
	<b>Creating God, you envisioned and brought into being all of creation and humanity. Humanity is just one part of your incredible world. Open our minds and hearts to the delicacy and interconnectedness of all that you have made. May our insight into God's wonder-filled creation grow. Amen.</b>	
ANTHEM	"Blessed Assurance" Melinda McCoy-Miller, flute	Chancel Choir
COMMUNITY PRAYER		Rev. Lattig
CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER		Chancel Choir
KIDS ROCK CHILDREN'S SERMON		Rev. Lattig
SCRIPTURE READING	<b>Psalm 104:5-24</b>	Kathleen Meredith
	<sup>5</sup> You placed the world on its foundation so it would never be moved. <sup>6</sup> You clothed the earth with floods of water, water that covered even the mountains. <sup>7</sup> At your command, the water fled; at the sound of your thunder, it hurried away. <sup>8</sup> Mountains rose and valleys sank to the levels you decreed. <sup>9</sup> Then you set a firm boundary for the seas, so they would never again cover the earth. <sup>10</sup> You make springs pour water into the ravines, so streams gush down from the mountains. <sup>11</sup> They provide water for all the animals, and the wild donkeys quench their thirst. <sup>12</sup> The birds nest beside the streams and sing among the branches of the trees.	

<sup>13</sup> You send rain on the mountains from your heavenly home,  
and you fill the earth with the fruit of your labor.

<sup>14</sup> You cause grass to grow for the livestock  
and plants for people to use.

You allow them to produce food from the earth—

<sup>15</sup> wine to make them glad,  
olive oil to soothe their skin,  
and bread to give them strength.

<sup>16</sup> The trees of the LORD are well cared for—  
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.

<sup>17</sup> There the birds make their nests,  
and the storks make their homes in the cypresses.

<sup>18</sup> High in the mountains live the wild goats,  
and the rocks form a refuge for the hyraxes.

<sup>19</sup> You made the moon to mark the seasons,  
and the sun knows when to set.

<sup>20</sup> You send the darkness, and it becomes night,  
when all the forest animals prowl about.

<sup>21</sup> Then the young lions roar for their prey,  
stalking the food provided by God.

<sup>22</sup> At dawn they slink back  
into their dens to rest.

<sup>23</sup> Then people go off to their work,  
where they labor until evening.

<sup>24</sup> O LORD, what a variety of things you have made!  
In wisdom you have made them all.  
The earth is full of your creatures.

**Job 12:7-10**

<sup>7</sup> “Just ask the animals, and they will teach you.

Ask the birds of the sky, and they will tell you.

<sup>8</sup> Speak to the earth, and it will instruct you.

Let the fish in the sea speak to you.

<sup>9</sup> For they all know

that my disaster has come from the hand of the LORD.

<sup>10</sup> For the life of every living thing is in his hand,  
and the breath of every human being.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God for this Word.**

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Rev. Lattig

OFFERTORY

Christie Spriggs

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Kathleen Meredith

**Generous God, you provide to us in our need and so we say thank you. Help us to recognize how you provide not just for human beings, but for all creation and to see that each part is interconnected. As we give in gratitude today, receive and bless all that we offer, so that we can use these resources in a way that honors not only our own needs, but every part of your creation. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN

“This Is My Father’s World”

UMH 144

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE

Christie Spriggs

## **This Week’s Schedule**

<b>Monday, April 22</b>	<b>8-6:30 Pollworker Training (HH) 10 Chair Yoga (1A) 11:30 LWJ Yoga (1A)</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 23</b>	<b>8-6:30 Pollworker Training (HH) 10-3 Life With Joy (1A/1B) 6 Bible Study (zoom)</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 24</b>	<b>8-6:30 Pollworker Training (HH) 10-3 Life With Joy (1A/1B) 6:30 SPRC (zoom)</b>
<b>Thursday, April 25</b>	<b>8-6:30 Pollworker Training (HH) 10-3 Life With Joy (1A/1B)</b>
<b>Friday, April 26</b>	<b>8-6:30 Pollworker Training (HH)</b>
<b>Saturday, April 27</b>	<b>8-6:30 Pollworker Training (HH) 8-12:30 SCYO (Sanctuary) 9-2 Treasures of Hope</b>
<b>Sunday, April 28</b>	<b>9 Joy Fellowship Service (HH) Sunday School (1B) 10:30 Sanctuary Service</b>

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## **Today’s Worship Leaders**

Pastor  
Music Coordinator/Joy Fellowship  
Liturgist  
Greeter  
Camera Operator  
Soundboard Operator

Rev. Todd Lattig  
Christie Spriggs  
Kathleen Meredith  
Fred Fox  
Jen Phlegar  
Jay Morrison