



*A New Creation:
“A Special Responsibility”*

**April 28, 2024, 10:30 a.m.
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Order of Worship

(*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE		Christie Spriggs
GREETING		Rev. Todd Lattig
*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)		Kathleen Meredith
	We come in faith, knowing we are God's own.	
	We come in hunger, needing guidance for the journey.	
	We come in sincerity, seeking relationship with God's creatures.	
	We come in humility, facing our limitations.	
	We come in hope, yearning for God's grace.	
	We come in joy, knowing God meets us here.	
*HYMN	"Morning Has Broken"	UMH 145
*OPENING PRAYER (unison)		Kathleen Meredith
	Amazing God, you make each of us to reflect your image.	
	Together with creation, we reflect the fullness of the image of God. You give us a special responsibility to care for creation and one another with compassion. In this interdependent relationship, creation sustains us. May the Holy Spirit call us to new life with creation. Amen.	
SOLO	"Across the Lands"	Kathleen Meredith
	Christie Spriggs, piano	
COMMUNITY PRAYER		Rev. Lattig
CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER		Chancel Choir
KIDS ROCK CHILDREN'S SERMON		Rev. Lattig
SCRIPTURE READING		Kathleen Meredith

Genesis 1:28-31

²⁸ Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground."

²⁹ Then God said, "Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. ³⁰ And I have given every green plant as food for all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, and the small animals that scurry along the ground—everything that has life." And that is what happened.

³¹ Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!

And evening passed and morning came, marking the sixth day.

Genesis 9:8-17

⁸ Then God told Noah and his sons, ⁹“I hereby confirm my covenant with you and your descendants, ¹⁰and with all the animals that were on the boat with you—the birds, the livestock, and all the wild animals—every living creature on earth. ¹¹Yes, I am confirming my covenant with you. Never again will floodwaters kill all living creatures; never again will a flood destroy the earth.”

¹² Then God said, “I am giving you a sign of my covenant with you and with all living creatures, for all generations to come. ¹³ I have placed my rainbow in the clouds. It is the sign of my covenant with you and with all the earth. ¹⁴ When I send clouds over the earth, the rainbow will appear in the clouds, ¹⁵ and I will remember my covenant with you and with all living creatures. Never again will the floodwaters destroy all life. ¹⁶ When I see the rainbow in the clouds, I will remember the eternal covenant between God and every living creature on earth.” ¹⁷ Then God said to Noah, “Yes, this rainbow is the sign of the covenant I am confirming with all the creatures on earth.”

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

Thanks be to God for this Word.

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OFFERTORY

Christie Spriggs

You may place your offering in the plate at the front of the sanctuary or use one of the QR codes on the back of this bulletin.

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Kathleen Meredith

God, thank you for the trust and responsibility you give us as those created in your image. Bless and receive our gifts today for the ongoing care of our church, community, and the planet on which we live. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

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*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE

Christie Spriggs



This Week's Schedule

Monday, April 29	8-6:30 Pollworker Training (HH) 10 Chair Yoga (1A) 11:30 LWJ Yoga (1A) 6 Bible Study (zoom)
Tuesday, April 30	8-6:30 Pollworker Training (HH) 10-3 Life With Joy (1A/1B)
Wednesday, May 1	8-6:30 Pollworker Training (HH) 10-3 Life With Joy (1A/1B)
Thursday, May 2	8-6:30 Pollworker Training (HH) 10-3 Life With Joy (1A/1B)
Friday, May 3	8-6:30 Pollworker Training (HH)
Saturday, May 4	8-6:30 Pollworker Training (HH) 8-12:30 SCYO (Sanctuary) 9-2 Treasures of Hope
Sunday, May 5	9 Joy Fellowship Service (HH) Sunday School (1B) 10:30 Sanctuary Service/ Weston Baptism

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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

Jen Phlegar
Jay Morrison