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Climate Justice You Set the Earth On Its Foundation

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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude For The Beauty Of The Earth LMUMC Bell Choir

Welcome Rev. Ken Schoon, Deacon

Opening Prayer (responsive) Mi Chun

Leader: God of majesty and might,
blow through this place
like a mighty wind.

**All: Inspire us with your presence.
Cover us with your love,
that we might be your people,
caring for the earth
and each other with compassion.
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

Ministry Matters (adapt)

Opening Song (organ) (Please stand if able)

Morning Has Broken
UMH 145

- 1. Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**
- 2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.**
- 3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!**

Children's Moment Margaret LeWright

Scripture *Psalms 104:1-9 (NIV)* Mi Chun

Praise the Lord, my soul.
Lord my God, you are very great;
you are clothed with splendor and majesty.
The Lord wraps himself in light as with a garment;
he stretches out the heavens like a tent
and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters.
He makes the clouds his chariot
and rides on the wings of the wind.
He makes winds his messengers,
flames of fire his servants.
He set the earth on its foundations;
it can never be moved.
You covered it with the watery depths as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.
But at your rebuke the waters fled,
at the sound of your thunder they took to flight;
they flowed over the mountains,
they went down into the valleys,
to the place you assigned for them.
You set a boundary they cannot cross;
never again will they cover the earth.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Sermon

You Set the Earth on Its Foundation

Rev. Judith Pruess-Mellow, Deacon

Response

I'll Fly Away

LMUMC Choir

Prayers & Gratitudes

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
TFWS 2193 (3x)

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

The Lord's Prayer Ecumenical Version (UMH 894)

**Please feel free to use the name of your choice for God that speaks to your soul.*

Our *Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Passing The Peace Of Christ

Let us offer one another signs of peace and love.

Living As the Church

Offering & Thanksgiving (organ)

Bless Thou the Gifts

UMH 587 (2x)

Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought;
bless thou the work our hearts have planned.
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;
The rest, O God, is in thy hand.

Closing Song (organ)

(Please stand if able)

How Can We Name a Love

UMH 111

1. How can we name a Love that wakens heart and mind,
indwelling all we know or think or do or seek or find?
Within our daily world, in every human face,
Love's echoes sound and God is found, hid in the commonplace.
2. If we awoke to life built on a rock of care
that asked no great reward but firm, assured, was simply there,
we can, with parents' names, describe, and thus adore,
Love unconfined, a father kind, a mother strong and sure.
3. When people share a task, and strength and skills unite
in projects old or new, to make or do with shared delight,
our Friend and Partner's will is better understood,
that all should share, create, and care, and know that life is good.
4. So in a hundred names, each day we all can meet
a presence, sensed and shown at work, at home, or in the street.
Yet every name we see, shines in a brighter sun:
In Christ alone is Love full grown and life and hope begun.

Closing Prayer (responsive)

Mi Chun

Leader: Creator God, create in us a new spirit,
that we may rethink our relationship
with Nature in order to protect it.

**All: We ask you to stir our hearts into action.
Through our actions may we see your guiding hand,
your loving heart, your will for a better, kinder world
brought into wholeness, piece by piece, peace by peace. Amen**

AI (adapted)

Postlude

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehova

John Hughes