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Climate Justice

The Earth Is Satisfied With The Fruit Of Your Work

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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Traditional Spiritual
arr. Calvin Taylor

Welcome

Rev. Sunae Cho, Lead Pastor

Opening Prayer (responsive)

Susannah Wood

Leader: Eternal God, whose breath is the universe,
whose Word is the world.

All: Amazed, we praise you.

Leader: Creating God, who with delight and play,
with wisdom and beauty,
fashions every creature.

All: In love, we thank you.

Leader: Loving God, you weave us into the great web of life,
which is our shared home, our common body, our one belonging.

All: Grateful, we worship you. Amen

unfolding light

Opening Song

(Please stand if able)

Wounded World that Cries for Healing
TFWS 2177

1. Wounded world that cries for healing -
here we hold each other's pain,
wounded systems, bruised and bleeding
bear the load, the scars of strain;
dollars ration out compassion,
hard decisions rule the day,
Jesus of the healing Spirit,
free us to another way!
2. Through our nation's spent frustration,
through the corridors of stress
may there move a kindlier wisdom
all may feel, and all may bless;
tax and tithe are for a purpose
shared to shield the poor and weak;
past the symptoms of our sickness
let the voice of justice speak.

3. Honor those whose loving spirit
nurses hope, restores and heals,
towel and basin used in service
like the Christ who comes and kneels;
in the tending, in the mending
may we see the right and fair,
in our common quest for wholeness
heal each other by our care.

Children's Moment

LMUMC Children's Choir

Earth and Sky

Earth and sky
Oceans blue
Take care of them
So that they take care of you

For creatures on land
And fish in the sea
Taking care of planet Earth
Is up to me

Scripture

Psalms 148 (NSRV)

Susannah Wood

Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!
Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!
Praise him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.
He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all depths,
fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!
Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!
Kings of the earth and all peoples,

princes and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and women alike,
old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.
He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.

Praise the Lord!

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

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Sermon *The Earth Is Satisfied With The Fruit Of Your Work*

Rev. Dr. Judith Pruess-Mellow

Holy Communion

(adapted from Emma DeVries, Bishop Carol Gallagher)

Rev. Sunae Cho, Lead Pastor
Rev. Stephanie Gameros, Deacon

Invitation

Rev. Sunae Cho

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession & Pardon

Pastor: God, you created our planet, and you saw all that you had created and
called it good.

You also formed us, the human family to be your co-regents
in ruling over the works of your hands
and to act compassionately and gently to all forms of life.

All: Remind us, O God, and help us to change.

Pastor: We confess that we often forget that we are utterly dependent upon you
and interdependent with the rest of your creation.
We have abused your creation, forgetting that our lifestyles impact others around
the globe.

All: Forgive us, O God, and help us to change.

Pastor: We confess we have not done enough to protect our planet.
We confess that we have failed to insist that our government act urgently and swiftly on climate change.
We confess we have not worked hard enough to limit our own consumption and pollution.

All: Forgive us, O God, and help us to change.

Pastor: God of wisdom, help us understand that whatever we do to the web of life, we do to ourselves.
God of power, help us acknowledge that we must act now and wake up to our moral obligation to the future of the planet, which you have entrusted to our hands.

All: Forgive us, O God, and help us to change.

Silence Is Kept For Prayers Of Confession

Pastor: God of grace and salvation, today we open our eyes, ears, and hearts to the pain of our planet amid the changing climate.
We open our hearts to your truth, to see in you the way of healing and hope for the earth.
We are beloved children of God, forgiven, renewed, and sent out into the world to work for the healing of our planet. Amen

Passing the Peace of Christ

Let us offer one another signs of peace and love.

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Rev. Stephanie Gameros, Deacon

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Thank you, Creator God,
for sharing your life with us
in every good thing of this world.
Thank you most of all for Jesus,
who sat us down to eat and drink
good bread and good wine,
so that in tasting how good they are
we could remember how good you are.
He is our East, our Eden,
our Garden of peace.
In him we find the fullness of life
you desired for us from the start -
walking together, sharing food, living in peace.

Send the Spirit to his table now
where he still sits us down,
where we still remember you.

Bless the bread and the cup,
fruit of the earth and work of our hands.
May they become by your grace
the taste of Eden in our hearts.
As we eat and drink together,
let us see more clearly
a vision of life as you meant it to be.

Consecrate us to the ministry of making it so,
by sharing earth's goodness with all,
in reverence and hope, with justice, and joy.

Dear friends in Christ,
this is the bread Jesus blessed and broke
and gave us to share in remembrance of him.

Rev. Sunae Cho

This is the cup Jesus blessed and poured
and gave us to drink in remembrance of him.

Eating and drinking together,
we remember his death,
we rejoice in his rising,
and we wait for him to come again,
to judge in mercy,
to welcome in love,
and restore all creation,
to the praise and glory of God. Amen

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.

Sharing In The Bread And Cup/Invitation To Prayer Stations

Unison Prayer

Rev. Stephanie Gameros, Deacon

**All: Dear God, Creator of the earth, this sacred home we share;
give us new eyes to see the beauty all around and to protect the wonders of
creation.**

**Give us new arms to embrace the stranger among us and to know them as
family.**

**Give us new hands to serve the earth and its people
and to shape beloved community.**

**For you are the One who seeks the lost, binds our wounds and sets us free,
and it is in the name of Jesus, the Christ, we pray. Amen**

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)

For the Healing of the Nations

UMH 428

1. For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word,
help us rise and pledge our word.

2. Lead us forward into freedom;
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase,
fear will die and hope increase.

3. All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span,
may we hallow life's brief span.

4. You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find,
earth its destiny may find.

Closing Prayer (responsive)

Susannah Wood

Leader: God of blessings,
the universe sings of your glory.

**People: Deepen our gratitude for all you have made
and awaken in us a renewed commitment
to care for the earth and each other.**

**All: Inspire leaders with openness to listen
to those most affected by climate change
and with courage to act urgently and wisely,
so that our common home may be healed and restored
and all people, and generations to come, may delight in it. Amen**

EcoJesuits

Postlude (organ)

Postlude on Two American Folk Hymns

Ralph Hastings