

Sermon "River of Life" Pastor René Mehlberg
Transitional Hymn "In the Garden" SoF #68

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory "Simple Gifts" Leah and Dean Langby,
(arr. Dean Langby) Levi Freeman

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Generous God, we share our gifts like tiny seeds from a dandelion. Send out these gifts on the mighty wind of your Spirit, bringing growth, bearing fruit, and nourishing our neighbors. May each gift bloom with your grace and love. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** "For the Beauty of the Earth" Hymnal #473

*Benediction

*Sung Benediction (unison)

**God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a Shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

Postlude "This is my Father's World" RuthAnn Ledgerwood
(arr. Cindy Berry)

The flowers today are in memory of Tom Ropella from his wife, Carol and his children, Rachel and Henry.

Credits

- Opening Liturgy from "Creation Care Worship Resources: Wisconsin Conference UCC." 2018 Earth Day or Arbor Day worship liturgy. Accessed April 22, 2026. <https://wcucc.org/creation-care-worship-resources/>.
- Myer, Elizabeth. "Annie Dillard on God, Earth, and Freedom." SALT Project, April 21, 2026. <https://www.saltproject.org/progressive-christian-blog/2026/4/20/annie-dillard-on-god-earth-and-freedom>
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This Week

Wednesday, April 29: 4pm Kid's Club; **5:30pm**; Chancel Choir; **6:30pm** Bell Choir, **7pm**
Dance practice

Link to the full church calendar: <https://www.menomonieucc.org/monthlycalendar>

Morning Has Broken

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Eleanor Farjeon, 1931

Gaelic melody
Arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

C Am Dm G Dm G C

1. Morn-ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black-bird has
2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the

Em Am Em F G C Am F C

spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery

Am G C G Am Dm G7 C

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!
gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

In the Garden

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the
2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice Is so
3. I'd stay in the gar - den with him Though the

dew is still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear
sweet the birds hush their sing - ing; And the mel - o - dy
night a - round me be fall - ing; But he bids me go—

fall - ing on my ear, The Son of God dis - clos - es.
that he gave to me With - in my heart is ring - ing.
through the voice of woe, His voice to me is call - ing.

And he walks with me, and he talks with me,

And he tells me I am his own, And the joy we share

as we tar - ry there, None oth - er has ev - er known.

Text: C. Austin Miles, 1868–1946
Tune: GARDEN, 8 9 10 7 with refrain; C. Austin Miles, 1868–1946

For the Beauty of the Earth

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Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1864

Conrad Kocher, 1838
Abr. William Henry Monk, 1861
Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

1. For the beau-ty of the earth, For the glo-ry of the skies,
2. For the won-der of each hour Of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de-light,
4. For the joy of hu-man love, Broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,

For the love which from our birth O-ver and a-round us lies,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,
For the mys-tic har-mo-ny Link-ing sense to sound and sight,
Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, For all gen-tle thoughts and mild,

Refrain

Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grate-ful praise.

5. For Thy church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore

Her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.