We enter this church not as strangers, but as children of God.

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Preparing for the Word

*Our service begins with the Prelude, inviting us to prepare for worship.*

**Prelude**
Kenneth Vigne, organ

**Lenten Greeting**
Rev. Alanna Simone Tyler

One: The Lord be with you. All: And also with you.

*Call to Worship*
One: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God’s presence with singing!
All: For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.
One: Let us worship God.

*Processional Hymn No. 714* God of the Fertile Fields

**Prayer of Confession** (Unison)
Rev. Dr. Meghan K. Gage-Finn

Great Creator God, at your word the earth was formed. You presided over the coming of light. You made us in your image and set us as stewards of Creation. But we have violated your image and spoiled the earth. Forgive us, we pray. Teach us to respect creation and honor the human family. Help us care for this planet and partner with its creatures, not dominate and destroy. This we pray in the name of the life of the world, Jesus the Christ.

**Silent Prayer**
Worshippers seek God’s forgiveness in their own lives.

**Assurance of God’s Forgiveness**
One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Friends, hear the good news:
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**10:30 Choral Response** There’s a Little Wheel a-Turnin’  
African American Spiritual
Cherub Choir, Brad Ollmann, conductor; Will Stensrud, guitar

**10:30** At this time, children ages 4-1st grade are invited to Children’s Church.
Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination 8:30 Paul Arbisi 10:30 Carol Frisch

Readings from Holy Scripture

Genesis 1:9-13 (OT, p. 1)
Jeremiah 2:4-13 (OT, p. 658)

One: This is the Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Meditation Losing Paradise: What Happened to the Land?
Rev. Dr. Timothy Hart-Andersen

The Practice of Silence

Responding to the Word

*10:30 Hymn No. 713 Touch the Earth Lightly

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison; Adapted from affirmation written by Christine Sine)

We believe in God above us, creator of all things, sustainer of all life.
We believe in Christ beside us, companion and friend, redeemer of the broken pieces of our universe.
We believe in Spirit deep within us, advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.
We believe in God’s resurrection-created world, where the earth is repaired, and all creation sings together in vibrant harmonies.
We believe in God above, beside, within, God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one, the one in three, we believe in God.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, 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.

* Please stand as you are able.
Offertory Sentences
Please place your offering in the plate, or give via the tithe.ly app.

Offertory

8:30  The Earth is the Lord’s
      trad. Philippines, arr. Barbara Prince
      Chapel Choir, Barbara Prince, conductor; Karen Wasiluk, flute

10:30  We Belong to the Earth
      David Ostenso Moore
      Westminster Choir, Dr. Amanda Weber, conductor; Jeffrey Gram, percussion

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering Received

*8:30 Hymn No. 713  Touch the Earth Lightly

*10:30 Hymn No. 690  God’s Glory Fills the Heavens

*Charge and Benediction
The people respond with “Amen.”

Postlude  Watch the Melting Glaciers
            Gary Fieldman

*Passing of the Peace

    One: The peace of Christ be with you.  All: And also with you.
Today, March 15

8:15-11:30 am, Nursery care, for infants through age 3
8:30 am Worship Service, Chapel
9 am Blood pressure screening; African Choir rehearsal
9:15 am Education for all ages; FYC Choir rehearsal
10:30 am Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:30 am Prayer Companions
11:45 am Lenten Lunch conversation with Michael O’Connell, former Roman Catholic priest and pastor, the Basilica of St. Mary, Westminster Hall
5 pm Gathered at Five, Westminster Hall

5 pm High school house groups Westminster Gallery From Paradise to Passion. Contact Dr. Rodney Allen Schwartz, rschwartz@wpc-mpls.org.

Coming Up

All-Church

Sunday Lenten Lunches Enjoy a simple, low-cost ($10) lunch together in Westminster Hall each Sunday in Lent following the 10:30 service. Each week will feature a different guest who will join Tim Hart-Andersen in dialogue about stewardship of the earth, from a variety of perspectives (Muslim, Roman Catholic, and Jewish).

Lenten Covenant Groups This year’s theme is Losing Paradise: Faith and the Ecological Crisis. Small groups meet Sundays at 9:15 am and Wednesdays at 6:45 pm.

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Baptism, for Groveland Food Shelf.

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