

Church of the Savior, UCC
March 8, 2020 ~ 11 AM
Second Sunday of Lent

The change that is needed is not simply adaptation to a reduced supply of fuels or to some modification in our economic system... It is a radical change in our mode of consciousness.
Father Thomas Berry

The Church Community Gathers

Prelude & Gathering Song "Ground and Source of All That Is"
Refrain: **We live and move in you.**

Greeting L: Peace be with you! P: **And also with you!**

Bell and Introit
Call to Worship*

Hear me four quarters of the world: I am a relative!
Great Spirit, give us the strength to walk softly on the earth,
Give us strength to live as relatives to all living things!
Give us eyes to see and hearts to understand our earth neighbors that we may be like you;
Look upon the faces of your children without number,
Look with tenderness upon the faces of living things all over the earth,
That they may walk the good road to the day of peace.
Hear us four corners of the world:
We are relatives to all that is!

Opening Hymn* *We Are Not Our Own, vs.1-4* NCH #564

Opening Prayer from a Sioux Prayer found in *Earth Prayers*
Grandfather, Grandmother, Great Spirit, fill us with the Light. Give us hearts to understand and eyes to see, so we may walk the soft Earth as relatives to all that live.

Children's Time

Old Testament Reading Genesis 9: 8-17
Readings from Pope Francis and Father Thomas Berry
Response from the writing of Wendell Berry

**We are holy creatures,
living among other holy creatures,
in a world that is holy.**

Gospel Reading Matthew
22:36-40
A Reading from theologian Sally McFague
Repeat Response from the writing of Wendell Berry

Special Music with Sam Rosalina
Meditation "The Value of Life (All of It)" with Dr. John Nolt,
Professor Emeritus of Philosophy & Environmental Ethics, UTK

The Church Community Responds

Prayers of the People
Sing: *Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ, vs. 1-2* NCH #520
Response: God of Grace... **Hear our prayers.**
Sing: *Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ, vs. 3* NCH #520

The Bringing of Tithes and Offerings
2nd Mile Gift for March: *One Great Hour of Sharing*
Offertory Music (*followed by silence*)
Prayer of Gratitude*

Joys & Announcements with Nate Williams, Moderator
Earth Moment - *How to Be an Earthling in One Easy Step*
Closing Prayer* **Life-giving Spirit, make us more open to the needs of our Earth neighbors. Help us to see that in caring for the well-being of Earth, we are also caring for ourselves & one another. Inspire us to live in ways that promote respect & compassion, justice & peace, for all people, all living things, and all of your wounded, yet wondrous creation. Amen.**

Closing Hymn* *Touch the Earth Lightly* NCH #569
Benediction & Postlude*

Welcome to all! Go in peace to love and serve!

The Church Community Reflects