

**Monte Vista Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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Stewardship Campaign “Beloved, Love” Series – Week 1

October 11, 2020 – Order of Worship

Prelude *Let There Be Peace on Earth* Lana Zoltowski
by Sy Miller & Jill Jackson arr. Dan Coates

Welcome Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol

Opening Hymn *Creative God, You Spread the Earth*

Call to Worship Steven Currin

One: As we begin our Stewardship season, focused this Sunday on loving God’s amazing creation,

Many: may we recognize the sacredness of this immense land that we call home.

One: Let us give thanks for the living mountains, valleys, and waters that sustain our lives.

Many: We praise our Creator God who is the continuous source of life for all beings.

One: Let us give thanks for the living creatures, the plants, and fresh air to breathe.

Many: We praise God, whose continual presence encourages us to take care of creation.

One: In Christ, God unites all of creation as one. Will we love creation in the way that God loves?

Many: As we worship God, we seek to be good stewards of great care for all creation.

Opening Prayer Steven

Creator God. We give thanks for your creative power that made this world and all that is in it. You created and called it good. We haven’t always cared for your creation in the way of a good steward that you created us to be. Make us mindful of our complicity in abusing and destroying your creation. Help us to learn how to become humble servants of creation care and compliance. Cause us to have a heightened respect for all your creation, as sacred gifts from you, worthy of preservation. In your many holy names we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading 1John 4:7-9 Steven

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent God’s only Son into the world so that we might live through Christ.

Stewardship Campaign Introduction Rachel Sharples, Chair

Prayer Hymn

Touch the Earth Lightly

(Please share your prayer concerns & joys with Rev. Dawn at revdawn@montevista.org.)

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dawn

Blessed One, our Father and our Mother. Holy is your name. May your love be embodied in the world. May your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Protect us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For all that we do in your love, and all that your love brings to birth, and the fullness of love that will be, are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Special Music

God is Calling
by Mary Louise Bringle

Susan Page &
Mark Pallardy

Sermon Text

Genesis 2:8-15

Rev. Dawn

And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there God put the man whom God had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

Sermon

"Beloved, Love: Love Creation"

Rev. Dawn

Dedication

Caring for the Earth

Invitation to Communion and Stewardship

Rev. Dawn

(Your tithes & offerings can be given via online donations on our website, on the Givelify app, or by mailing your check to the church office. Thank you.)

Communion Hymn

God of the Fertile Fields (vv 1, 2)

Sharing in Communion

Words of Institution & Prayers for the Elements

Rev. Dawn

Receiving Communion Together as One Body in Christ

(Everyone is encouraged to take Communion at the same time as signaled by the minister.)

Communion Accompaniment

Lana

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Dawn

Closing Hymn

God of the Fertile Fields (vv 3, 4)

Benediction

Rev. Dawn

Postlude

The Heavens are Telling from "The Creation"
by Franz Joseph Haydn

Lana

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Steven Currin, Worship Leader

Michael Cooke & Laurel Deming, Song Leaders

Wally Miller, Sound

Frank Shaffer, Livestream Video

Lana Zoltowski, Keyboard

Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol, Sr. Minister, Presiding

# 697 Creative God, You Spread the Earth

1. Cre - a - tive God, you spread the earth with  
 2. The plan - et teemed with liv - ing things be -  
 3. O play - ful God, you fill the field with

life in man - y forms: the deer and elk and  
 fore all hu - man birth, and e - ven fire and  
 lav - en - der and blue. You paint the bird with

col - um - bine, the bee in hum - ming swarms. For -  
 beasts of prey re - newed the life of earth. For -  
 in - di - go, with red or tawn - y hue. For -

give us for each flow'r and bird now van - ished by our  
 give us, that, the last to come, we threat - en sea and  
 give us that we grieve your heart, de - stroy - ing what, you

CARE OF THE EARTH

hand. Teach us to treat with  
air. Teach us to tend life's  
do, and teach us simp - ler,

lov - ing care the crea - tures of the land.  
frag - ile web with wise and ten - der care.  
gen - tler ways to live on earth with you.

WORDS: Ruth Duck, 1991  
MUSIC: Traditional English melody; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams

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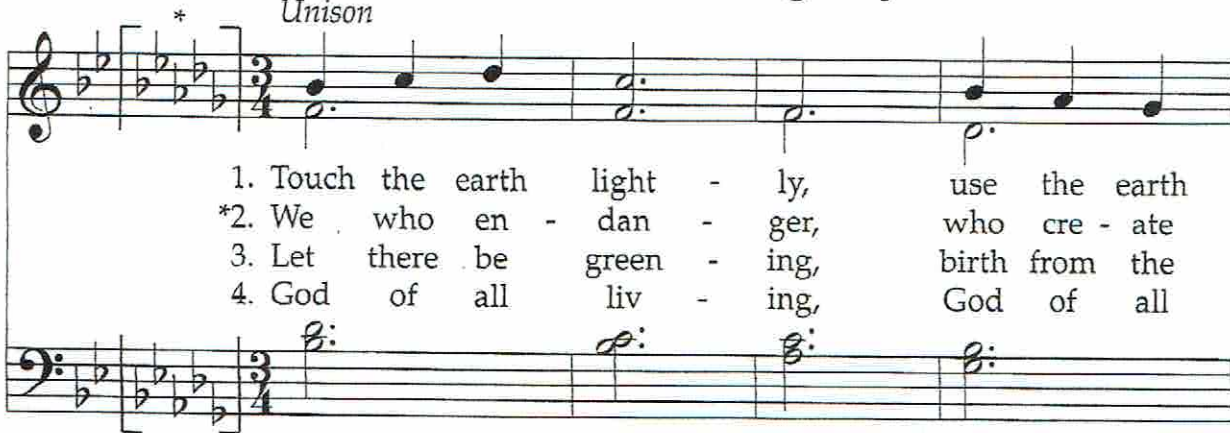
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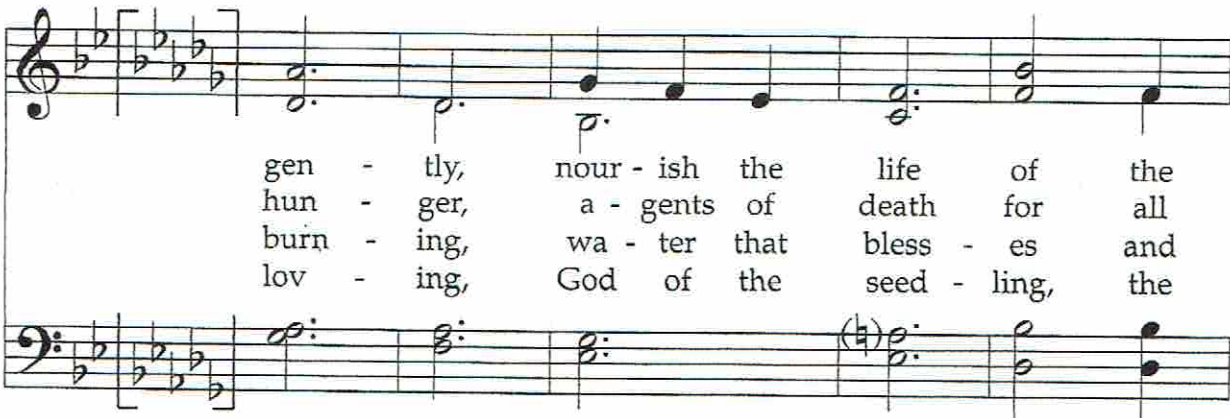
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Touch the Earth Lightly

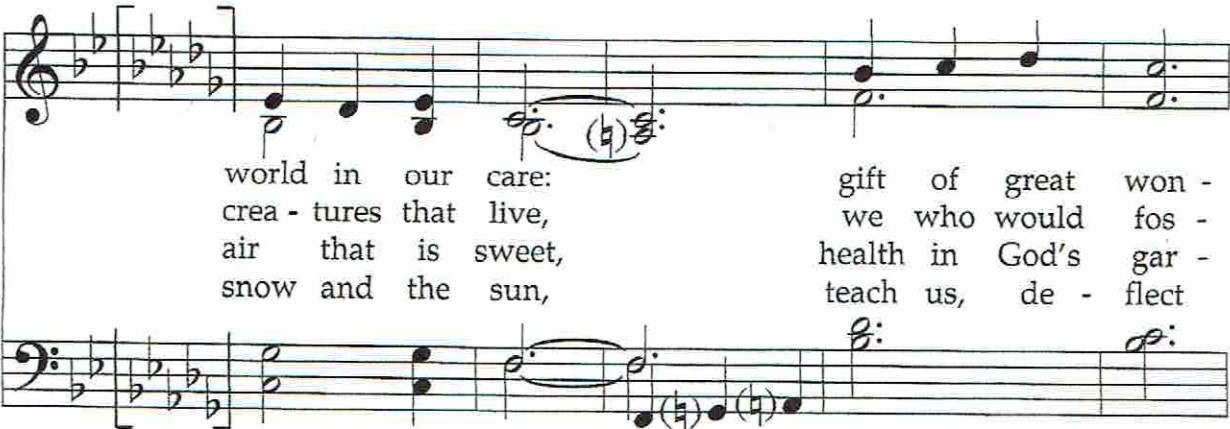
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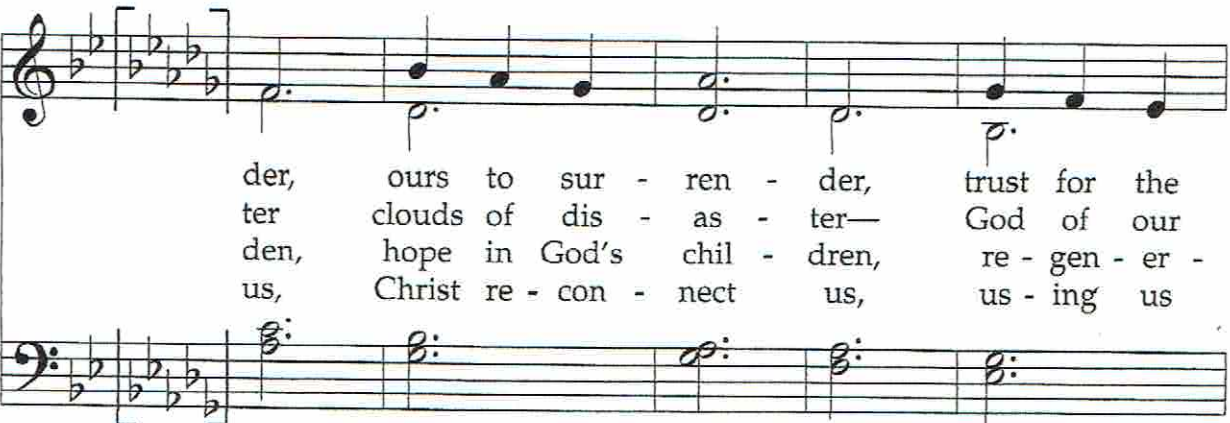
1. Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth  
 \*2. We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate  
 3. Let there be green - ing, birth from the  
 4. God of all liv - ing, God of all



gen - tly, nour - ish the life of the  
 hun - ger, a - gents of death for all  
 burn - ing, wa - ter that bless - es and  
 lov - ing, God of the seed - ling, the



world in our care: gift of great won -  
 crea - tures that live, we who would fos -  
 air that is sweet, health in God's gar -  
 snow and the sun, teach us, de - flect



der, ours to sur - ren - der, trust for the  
 ter clouds of dis - as - ter— God of our  
 den, hope in God's chil - dren, re - gen - er -  
 us, Christ re - con - nect us, us - ing us

\* Alternate key signature and accidentals: for st. 2 only

The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The score is divided into two sections: the first section is marked '1-3' and the second section is marked '4'. The lyrics are: 'chil - dren to - mor - row will bear. plan - et, fore - stall and for - give! a - tion that peace will com - plete. gen - tly, and mak - ing us one.'

## Caring for the Earth

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*(Allow for a period of silent reflection between each section.)*

We have faith  
 in **One God, one Source of all life.**  
**One Ground of the whole earth, with all its creatures.**

And thus we believe  
 in the **goodness of earth's life,**  
 in the **innate worth of all its dependents,**  
 in **human partnership in the life of nature.**

And thus we believe  
 that in **Christ we have been shown**  
 the **special role of the human race**  
 to **bear God's likeness**  
 in **working and caring for the earth,**  
 in **seeking to understand its mysteries and powers,**  
 in **gently working with these powers**  
 for the **well-being of all children of the earth.**

And thus we believe  
 that **God's Spirit will lead us**  
 to **sensitive closeness with earth's life,**  
 to that **meek, unselfish and compassionate life-style**  
 by which the earth is **inherited in peace,**  
 by which its life is **transformed**  
 for all creatures to **share justly in its bounty.**

**So be it. Amen.**

## God of the Fertile Fields

1. God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of  
 2. We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in  
 3. As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that  
 4. God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread; forth from your  
 trust from you all that you give; help us in  
 serves our need, your reign yet grows. So let our  
 Christ who died to make us one; we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,  
 love to share, teach us like you to care  
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,  
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you;

that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.  
 for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.  
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.  
 guide all we say and do, till life is done.

WORDS: Georgia Harkness, 1955, alt.  
 MUSIC: Felice de Giardini, 1769

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