

Creation Care Sunday
April 22, 2018
Suggested Worship Order - Traditional

(Optional) Opening Video – From Billy Graham Association:

[youtube.com/watch?v=pypntTwgY8s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pypntTwgY8s)

*Call To Worship: (Responsive Reading)

Psalm 22: 1-2 (NIV)

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;
²for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.

*Hymn: *This Is Our Father's World*

Opening Prayer: (from Psalm 96)

Gracious God.
Help us to:
Sing a new song to You;
Let all the earth sing to the Lord,
Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.
Declare Your glory among the nations,
Your marvelous deeds among all peoples.
For great are you Lord and most worthy of praise;
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Response: *Morning Has Broken*, verse 1

Children's Moments: The Turtle (The Last Straw)

Scripture: Genesis 1:28-31 (NIV)

²⁸God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

²⁹Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

³¹God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

Ephesians 1:3-10 (NIV)

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵he^[a] predestined us for adoption to sonship^[b] through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹he^[c] made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

The Anthem: *For the Beauty of The Earth* – arranged by John Rutter

The Message: **Loving God Through Creation**

Response Hymn: *This Is A Day of New Beginnings or Many Gifts, One Spirit*

Offering

Presentation of Gifts: Doxology

Closing Hymn: *How Great Thou Art or All Creatures of Our God & King*