

# Strathmore United Church April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday in Easter - Earth Week

### Words of Welcome and announcements:

J. Centering Song:There Is Room for All \*MV #62 (X2)There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;<br/>there is room for all, sheltered in God's love.And I rejoice and sing,<br/>"My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."<br/>There is room for all, there is room for all.

## Call to Worship:

- L: As a community of faith we gather together in worship.
- P: As God's children we come together as a family.
- L: In prayer and praise, word and song we celebrate God's love for us and for all of creation.
- P: Together let us worship God.

**J** Hymn: This Is God's Wondrous World **\*VU #296** 

### **Opening Prayer:**

Trusting in your care for us, God, we confess our faith in you. Trusting in the abundance you have given us, God, we confess our reliance on you. Trusting the promise of the risen Christ, we open our conscience to you with courage. As you know the depths of our being, so you know our distance from you, each other and your creation. You know the measure of the brokenness of our relationships. You know our need for healing and restoration. Hear, then, the prayers of our hearts and open us to the leadership of your Christ, your spirit of love. (Atime of silent prayer)

L: When we stand open and vulnerable before God, we live in union with God. As we live in God, healing and restoration become real as God's spirit lives in us.

# P: As God's spirit lives in us, so we live the joy of Easter each day of our lives. Thank God. Amen.

<u>J} Hymn</u>: O Beautiful Gaia \*MV #41

For the Young at Heart: Bg Mama Makes the World by Phyllis Root

Reading the Scripture: John 10: 11-18

L: This is the word of our sacred story...

P: Thanks be to God

Message: Called to be Keepers of the Sty?

<u>JJ Hymn:</u> Are You a Shepherd? \*MV #126

Minute for Mission:

The Offering:

<u>J Dedication</u>: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow \*VU #541

Prayer of Dedication:

<u>JJ Hymn:</u> Lord Listen to Your Children Praying **\*VU #400** Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace!

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer:

JJ Hymn: Walk with Me \*VU #649

Commissioning and Blessing:

Choral Response: Halle Halle Halle \*VU #958

Sharing the Peace:

L: May the God of Peace go with you.

P: And also with you.

Please join us for Soup and Bun Luncheon downstairs after the service! **MV #62** There Is Room For All: Words, Music: Bruce Harding 2004 . Reprinted/Podcast with permission under ONE LICENSE #734505-A. All rights reserved.

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