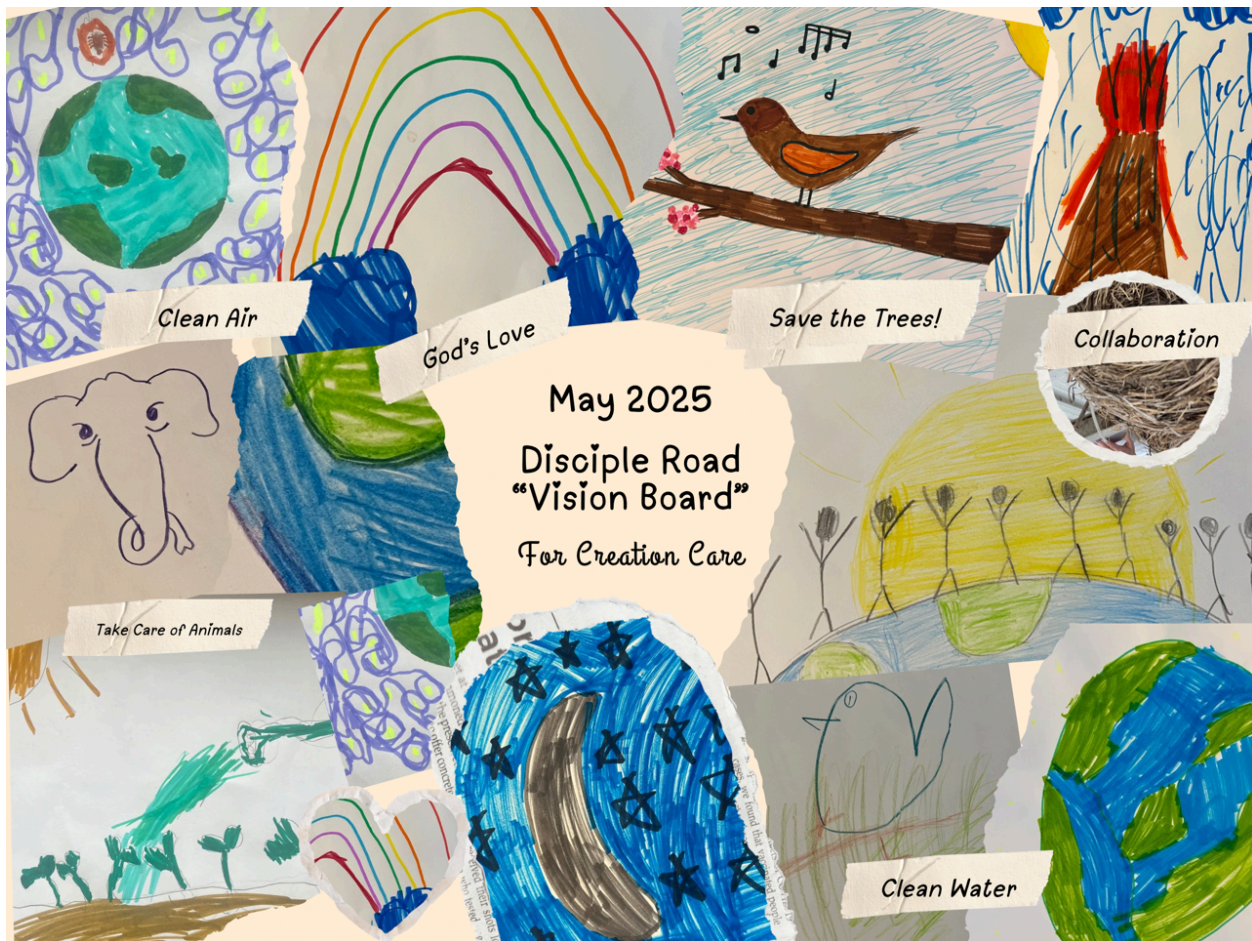




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Creation Care Vision Board, Created for today's service by the children in our Disciple Road program

May 11, 2025

Creation Care Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:15 a.m.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Worship leaders speak the text in regular type.

All the People of God speak the text in boldface.

Italic Text provides explanation or instructions.

* Please stand if you are able.

Prelude

At Easter-tide

C. V. Stanford

Welcome and Announcements

Please fill out the Friendship Register, sharing information if you would like to receive church news.

Introit

God of the Earth, the Sky, the Sea

Henri F. Henry

***Call to Worship**

One: Come and see, beloved to God, not in towering wonders, but in the small, the quiet, the overlooked.

All: We see the Creator in the breadth of a child, the buzz of a bee, the rustle of tall Grasses: all of these sing praise to God!

One: Come and see, beloved of God: not in towering wonders, but in the small, the quiet, the overlooked.

All: We see the Creator in the breadth of a child, the buzz of a bee, the rustle of tall grasses: all these sing praise to God!

All: The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed: tiny but bursting with promise.

All: We come to worship the One who breathes life into all things, who calls the stars by name and knows the sparrow's fall.

One: Let us not overlook the sacred in the small, for heaven is found in the humblest places.

All: We come to worship the God who magnifies the small, blesses the Ordinary, and fills all things with life!

***Hymn**

God of Great and God of Small

God of Great and God of Small



1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

Refrain



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

*Prayer of Invocation 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Passing the Peace

One: May the peace of God be with you!

All: And also with you!

We greet one another with a sign of peace.

GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED

Earth and All Stars

*Hymn of Praise

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the alto and tenor/bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The first system includes three verses of lyrics. The second system includes a single line of lyrics. The third system includes a single line of lyrics. The score concludes with a double bar line.

Ab Fm Bb Eb Fm

1 Earth and all stars, loud rush - ing plan - ets
2 Trum - pet and pipes, loud clash - ing cym - bals sing to the
3 Steel and ma - chines, loud pound - ing ham - mers

Ab Eb Ab Eb Cm

Lord a new song! Hail, wind, and rain, loud blow - ing
Harp, lute, and lyre, loud hum - ming
Lime - stone and beams, loud build - ing

Bb Eb Fm Cm Eb Ab Eb *Refrain*

snow - storm
cel - los sing to the Lord a new song! God has done
work - ers

Eb Ab Eb Ab Bbm Eb Ab

mar - vel - ous things. We will sing prais - es with a new song!

Scripture

Matthew 13:31-33

Sermon

Pay Attention to the Little Things

The Rev. Dean Lindsey

***Hymn**

Can You Feel the Seasons Turning



1 Can you feel the sea - sons turn - ing, winds and waves grown
2 Can you hear the crea - tures cry - ing— lynx and ot - ter,
3 Can you feel the sea - sons turn - ing? Storm clouds gath - er

wild and strange? Can you feel cre - a - tion groan - ing,
wolf and whale? Can you hear the Spir - it sigh - ing
in the skies. All a - round us signs of warn - ing

fear - ful of the com - ing change: ice - caps melt - ing,
as her chil - dren grieve and fail? Na - ture's poor, the
bid us o - pen fright - ened eyes. Called by God to

o - ceans ris - ing, homes and hab - i - ta - tions lost?
first to suf - fer, pay the price of hu - man greed.
serve as stew - ards till earth's gar - den greens and thrives,

Can you feel the sea - sons turn - ing? Can you count the bit - ter cost?
Can you hear the crea - tures cry - ing, beg - ging us to stop and heed?
can we learn in time to lis - ten? Can we turn and change our lives?

Joys and Concerns

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 10th anniversary of our Pastor Vanessa Rose's ordination to ministry here on May 9th, 2015.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

***Doxology**

Let trumpets sound and voices sing!
Let all on earth their praises bring!
For Christ has conquered sin and death
And given life eternal breath. Amen.
— John H. Danner

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn**

Let All Things Now Living

See facing page.

***Benediction and Response**

God Be With You



Postlude

Let All Things Now Living

arr. Mark Sedio

Leading Us in Worship

The Rev. Dean Lindsey, Guest Preacher

The Rev. Kathy Williamson, Liturgist

Dr. Frank Martignetti, Director of Music and Organist

Kim Feeney, Minister of Children and Families

Members of the Creation Care Pathway: Michelle Velez, Ernie Daruka,

Robin Griskus, and Holly Franquet

The Chancel Choir

Deacon: David McKinnis

Ushers: Amy-Alison Ward and Tom Croarkin

*Vanessa is at her home church in Massachusetts today to baptize her niece,
Blake Rose. She returns on Monday.*

Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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Please Hold in Your Prayers

The friends and family of our member Gary Kopsco. His Memorial Service will be held in
our sanctuary on Saturday, May 17 at 11 a.m.

Disciples at First Church: We pray for Chris Bernd; Sandy Bromer; LaNeil Brown, Sr.;
Dan Christianson; Betsy Dalling; Fernando Destruge; Gloria Evans; Charlotte Jefremow;
Christy Jefremow; Nancy Jones and family; Cathy Kane, her brother Scott and great niece
Amelia; Adelaide Kitchen; Jerry Krenke; Beth McKinnis, Penny Stevens; Julie Traum;
Doug Van Esselstyn and the family and friends of Joann Van Esselsteyn; Kathy Verdier;
Andrea Wakeman; Elinor Wilber; and Edith Zambo. We hold in our prayers all those who
face living with memory loss and Alzheimer's disease and we pray for their caregivers.

Save these Dates for our Upcoming Events!

More information in the *Weekly Word* and *Herald*

***Pray Together* with Deacon Wendy, Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Spollett Chapel**

Memorial Day Parade, First Church Front Lawn: May 26 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Celebration Sunday and All-Church Meeting: June 1 following 10:15 service

Two Houses, One Home, First Baptist Stratford, June 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Vacation Bible School: June 16th -20th. Register now on the church website!

Sasco Beach Services begin on June 22 at 8:15 a.m.