**We Respond to the Word**

**Offering Invitation**

**Hymn** MV 181 Lord, Your Hands Have Formed (v.1 &2)

**Offering Dedication**

**Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer** (VU921)

**Hymn** VU 884 You Shall Go Out with Joy TREES OF THE FIELD

**Benediction**

**Amen**

**Postlude**

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**OUR POWER, OUR PLANET**



## Since its launch in 1970, Earth Day has grown into a global movement uniting over one billion people in 192 countries to tackle urgent environmental crises, including biodiversity loss, plastic pollution, and climate change. Faith leaders and people of faith played a critical role as advocates for the planet on that first Earth Day. In 2025, as we mark its 55th anniversary, faith communities continue as important voices for the protection of our shared home.

## Faith is a powerful force that brings together communities and inspires action, making it a vital component of Earth Day 2025’s theme, Our Power, Our Planet. Across traditions, faith teaches stewardship, compassion, and responsibility for the Earth. As we advocate for tripling renewable energy by 2030, faith-based communities can lead by example-adopting clean energy, advocating for policies that protect the planet, and fostering hope in the face of environmental challenges. Just as faith moves mountains, it can also drive the shift to a healthier future, reminding us that protecting our shared home is both a moral obligation and spiritual calling.

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April 27, 2025 - Easter 2

Earth Sunday – “Our Power, Our Planet”

**We Gather to Worship**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Call to Worship**

Say among the nations, God reigns.

 **Let the heavens be glad and Earth rejoice!**

God is coming to transform the world.

 **God will redeem the world with**

**righteousness and truth.**

So let us worship God with praise and honour.

 **We will offer God our gratitude**

**for all that God has done.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn** VU 296 This Is God’s Wondrous World TERRA BEATA

**Prayer of Confession:**

**God of promise and purpose,**

**You set before us a dream of your new Heaven and Earth,**

**And we recognize that it calls for transformation.**

**But we confess that we don’t want transformation;**

**We want easy fixes.**

**We want the change, but not to do the changing.**

**Forgive us, O God,**

**For asking for change but not being willing to do the work.**

**Forgive us for accepting the status quo, and for our roles in holding it up.**

**Forgive our ways of thinking and acting that avoid transformation.**

**Create in us hearts made new by your mercy and love,**

**And move us to work toward your vision of a new heaven and a new Earth. Amen**

**Words of Forgiveness**

In the Kin-dom of God,

all are loved for who they are, not what they do.

In the kin-dom of God,

all are forgive for what they do and don’t do

In the kin-dom of God,

all are welcomed and fed by God’s grace and hope.

**Forgiven, loved, sent forth – we are not far from the kingdom of God!**

**Response** VU 958Halle, Halle, Halle

**The Peace of Christ**

**Sharing the Story - Grandad’s Prayers for the Earth**

**Blessing of the Wheels – See insert**

**Hymn** MV 122 This is the Day Bruce Harding

**We Hear the Word**

**Scripture:** Genesis 1: 1-28

 These are the stories of our faith

 **Thanks be to God.**

**Scripture:** Mark 4: 37-41

 This is the good news of the Gospel

 **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

**Reflection**

**Hymn:** MV 30 It’s a Song of Praise to the Maker