

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Earth Sabbath

May 12, 2019

11:00 AM

Reverend Marguerite Serrine, Interim Pastor
Scott Schlesinger, Organist/Choir Director JoAnn Harrison, Secretary

Gathering of the People

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Choral Introit

This Pretty Planet

Tom Chapin & John Forster

Praise of God

Call to Worship (Psalm 150)

Leader: Hear the proclamation of faith: Christ is risen from the dead! The Spirit is poured out.
Lives are transformed.

People: God is active in our world. God brings hope and healing.

Leader: Hear the call of God: The Spirit of God invites us into community. We are called to see
beyond ourselves, and to join in loving care for all those around us.

People: We accept God's call, and we rejoice in the gift of community.

Leader: Hear a challenge for today: The Earth is stressed by the heavy impact of human use. The
whole of God's creation is groaning, crying out in pain.

**People: We name the Earth as part of our community. We extend our love to all of God's
creation.**

Leader: People of faith, gather now to worship God the creator and redeemer of the world. Gather
now to be transformed by God's compassionate love.

People: We praise with joy the world's creator, God of justice, love and peace!

* Hymn No. 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Silent Individual Confession

A Litany of Penance

Leader: Lord, we pray for this world you have made. We ask your blessing on earth, wind,
and water. Preserve this sweet place in its course through the cosmos.

People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord, we pray for the community of living creatures. Guide us in our works and
ways, that every being may praise with its life and serve you all of its days.

People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord, we pray for our human family. You named us stewards of this Earth, and we
want to tend it and care for it. Teach us to live in harmony together, so we can live in
harmony with Earth.

People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord, again and again we seek what is good and do what is bad. We stand in the
rubble of many bad choices. We have been forgetful and willful tenants since you
first put us in the Garden. Give us strength and courage to change our ways, so
this Earth may flourish under our care.

People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord, at the end of all things you will bring us into your household, to make
community with you forever. Fill us with your Spirit now, in our days on this Earth,
so we may be fit and ready for the new heaven and the new Earth you promise.

People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord, you have called us to be stewards of this wonderful Earth. Guide our efforts: refresh the ground and the sea, let the air be soft and sweet. Teach us to care for your Earth, as you care for us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Response No. 591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Sharing of God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23 (p. 501)

Anthem

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Alexander/Rutter

Conversation with the Children

Eric Cathey

(We have worship packets available for Children as they remain in worship; a nursery is provided for infants and toddlers downstairs)

Scripture Reading

Revelation 21:1-6 (p. 259)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Dying of Consumption

Rev. Marguerite Serrine

Response to the Gospel

* Hymn No. 713

Touch the Earth Lightly

Prayers of the People 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering

Offertory

Passepied (from English Suite)

J.S. Bach

* Hymn of Dedication

Doxology with Alleluias / Lasst Uns Erfreuen

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ all people here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Praise Holy Spirit evermore,

Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Prayer of Dedication

*Affirmation of Faith from ***A Brief Statement of Faith*** (in unison)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Go Forth to Serve

Invitation to Share and Serve

* Hymn No. 714

God of the Fertile Fields

* Charge and Benediction

* Response

Now the Green Blade Rises

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CHURCH NOTES - May 12, 2019

WELCOME VISITORS! We welcome you to Hillsborough Presbyterian Church and to this service. We are truly pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today because we believe that everyone who enters these doors is God's guest. We invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex or the Friendship Pad as it is passed among the congregation. We welcome all to be part of our community of faith, and participate in any of our activities and events.

We invite you to join us on Sundays for worship and education.

9:45 AM Sunday School -- for all ages!

9:45 AM Children's Nursery (downstairs, Room #201)

11:00 AM Traditional Worship – with organ music and choir

CHILD CARE is provided for infants and toddlers (infants – pre-k) in the Nursery on the first floor (downstairs from Sanctuary).

The **FLOWERS** are shared today to the Glory of God and in honor of Mother's Day by Sean and Carly Bailey.

Assisting in Worship today:

Liturgists: Kim Bryant

Acolyte: Madeleine Stanley-Gibbs

The **CHOIR's** benediction (#247) is from the "Glory to God" hymnbook.

The Youth Group will be collecting donations to support the **Jessica Evans Scholarship at Camp New Hope** during the month of May. This scholarship, in memory of Jessica Evans, a former member of the Youth Group, provides a week of camp for needy children.

We love children in worship! There are Worship Bags (coloring pages, stories, etc.) available for children during worship.

Join us for **Lemonade on the Lawn** immediately following worship on Sunday mornings. To host, please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Questions? See Bob Wisniewski. (May 19 & 26 available)

Youth Group meets on **Wednesdays**, 6:00 - 7:30 pm in room #204. We have 10-11 participants. **Our next meeting is on May 15** – O'Connor family to provide meal. Questions? See Eric Cathey.

Circle #1 will meet at HPC at 11:00 on Monday, May 13. All are invited to join us as we continue our study on Hospitality. Bring a sandwich – the hostess provides beverages and dessert. Visitors and guests are always welcome! Questions? See Ann Sebesan.

The **Presbyterian Women's Evening Circle** will meet on Wednesday, May 15th, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, in the Parlor upstairs. We will be discussing chapter 7 of Dear White Christian, by Aaron J. Layton, called "The Leader's Response". All women of the church are invited to join us for a lively discussion, even if you have not read the book. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Jaubert at 919-624-2731, or email her at jaubert.linda@gmail.com.

You are invited to our "**Finish It Friday**" **sewing/craft group** on the 3rd Friday night of each month from 6:00 – 11:00 PM. This month on May 17th, bring your sewing or hobby project. You do not need to stay for the entire time. You will have plenty of time to work on whatever you choose, make. Come enjoy working with friends and sharing time and ideas with each other. Questions? See Ann Sebesan.

Lisa Flinn will be honored at **Presbytery's Older Adult Award Ceremony** on Sunday May 19, at 3:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church in Rocky Mount. See an elder if you would like to join the HPC group going to Rocky Mount.

This year's **men's canoe trip** will be to the old-growth bald cypress section of the Black River on Sat/Sun, May 18 and 19. We will be camping by the river. If you are interested, please contact Joe Crane or Hervey McIver (deadline was May 5th).

Session meeting on Monday, May 20th, at 6:30 PM in Strudwick Hall.

The **youth group is making tied fleece quilts** for the memory residents at Carillon Assisted Living. Would you like to donate fleece for this project. A lap size quilt takes 2 fleece fabrics that are 1 1/2 yards/piece. You can purchase fleece at WalMart, Hobby Lobby or JoAnn's Fabrics and leave the fabric in Room #204. If you have questions please contact Eric Cathey or Cynthia Latta.

HPC Choir rehearsals are on Thursday evenings, at 7:00 PM in Room #221. Questions? See Scott Schlesinger.

The **NURSERY SIGN-UP** sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway! Thank you for signing up to take care of our little ones on Sundays! Questions? See Vernon Cooper or Chris O'Connor.

Sign-up sheet for **Mowing the Lawn** is on the Building and Grounds bulletin board in the hallway. Questions? See Jim Summers.

The **FLOWER CHART** is located outside the church office. Sign up and share with your Church the joy of an anniversary, a special occasion, or memorialize someone important to you!



Check out our **HPC WEB PAGE** at www.hillsboroughpres.org – click on any event on our calendar page for details! You will also find the monthly newsletter and the weekly bulletin posted on this webpage! A great way to keep up with what's happening at HPC!

In an emergency or to share a concern, please contact the church office, 919-732-3131, or marguerite@hillsboroughpres.org

THIS SUNDAY: May 12 Earth Sunday

Lectionary Readings: Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23;
Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

- Mon** – 11:00 AM Circle #1 (#204)
- Tue** - 7:00 PM PNC meeting (#204)
- Wed** – 6:00 PM Youth Group (O'Connor family provides meal)
7:00 PM Presbyterian Women's Circle (Parlor)
- Thu** – 7:00 PM HPC Choir Rehearsal (#221)
- Fri** - 6:00 PM "Finish It Friday" Craft group (Strudwick)
- Sat / Sun** - Men's Fellowship Canoe Trip

NEXT SUNDAY: May 19

Lectionary Readings: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148;
Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

- 9:45 AM Sunday School – for all ages!
- 9:45 AM Children's Nursery
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship
(Children's Worship Bags in the narthex - coloring pages, stories, etc.)
- 12:15 PM Lemonade on the Lawn
- 12:15 PM Community Outreach Meeting (#204)
- 3:00 PM Presbyterian Older Adult Award Ceremony (First Presbyterian Church in Rocky Mount)

Volunteers:

- Liturgist:** Sara Clay
- Children's Sermon:** Kim Bryant
- Acolyte:** Jaiden Lytle
- Flowers:** James and Lisa Watts
- Nursery:** Stephanie Morgan, Marie Curtis
- Youth Meal (5/22):** Stephenson Family