



***Real Faith in a Synthetic World:
Plastic Jesus
Earth Day * April 21, 2024
(based on Worship Resources from
Creation Justice Ministries)***

GATHERED INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude ... the chime is rung as a call to rest in God's presence

Opening Sentence: Psalm 24:1

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

CALL TO WORSHIP*

One: Morning has broken!

Many: We gather to greet the new day by praising God.

One: God created us for relationship with God, one another,
and the earth.

Many: Let us honor those relationships today and every day.

One: We seek to care for our brothers and sisters around the
world and for God's good Creation.

Many: Let us honor those relationships today and every day.

One: May we commit to new ways of honoring God's Creation
as a means of sharing Jesus' transforming love,

Many: And let us seek God's grace, justice and mercy for all.

ALL: AMEN

Opening Prayer (VT 881)

HYMN *All Things Bright and Beautiful* VT 177

Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

LISTENING TO GOD'S STORY IN SCRIPTURE

HYMN *Touch the Earth Lightly* VT 145

Children's Time

Scripture Reading *Psalm 23; John 10:7-10*

Prayers of Gratitude**

HYMN *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* VT 737

Sermon

Music for Meditation

SHARING OUR STORIES

Prayers of the People** & The Lord's Prayer

Response: *The earth is yours, and everything in it,
the world and all who live in it.*

Generosity Moment – Solar Energy

Announcements

FOLLOWING CHRIST, WHO GOES BEFORE US

HYMN *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* VT 182

Benediction

Postlude ... *receive the postlude as a musical blessing*

If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary. The Nursery is typically staffed with a volunteer care provider during worship (and Sunday School as needed). Children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary! Worship bags with drawing/coloring materials are provided at the back of the sanctuary.

If you'd like to be added to our all-church email list to receive prayer requests and announcements (typically 2 emails/week), please contact the church office or Pastor Tonya.

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***Call to Worship:** from *Worship Words*, written by members of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) USA.

****Earth Day 2024 Worship Resources (*Plastic Jesus: Real Faith in a Synthetic World*)** prepared by Creation Justice Ministries which “*educates, equips, and mobilizes Christian individuals, congregations, denominations, and communions to protect, restore, and rightly share God’s creation.*”

Sound: Earl Ediger
Livestream: Jay Gehring
Ushers: Don Wiens & Russell Goering
Nursery: Jonathan Wenger
Organ: Pauline Buller
Worship Leader: Delon Martens
Scripture Reader: TBA
Children's Time: Maggie and Adam Pounds
Generosity Moment: Shane Miller
Sermon: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here!

*Your offerings are received, with gratitude, in the offering box on the table at the back of the sanctuary.
You can also now donate electronically on our website.
Thank you for your generosity shown in many ways!*

TODAY: EARTH DAY

"Real Faith in a Synthetic World: Plastic Jesus." Everywhere we look in our culture we find plastic. Unfortunately, it is also overflowing from our landfills, floating in our waters and polluting our soil. This worship resource from Creation Justice Ministries is designed to help us think about the ways plastics impact our lives and God's creation.

Fellowship with drinks in the Common Grounds room after worship.
Sunday School for all ages beginning at 11:00am.

KANSAS MENNONITE MEN'S CHORUS:

Concert TODAY at Tabor College (Hillsboro) at 4:00pm.

MAY 5 WORSHIP

May 5 will be an opportunity to learn more about our upcoming weekend out at Camp Mennoscah (Saturday June 15 and Sunday June 16) and to invite donations to help fund that time together. Continuing to have a "Camp Mennoscah Weekend" is one way we support the camp, provide opportunity for fellowship and fun at camp! Setting aside the first Sunday in May to highlight this event also brings a little bit of camp into our sanctuary in Hutchinson for everyone.

Please let Pastor Tonya know soon if you have a short story (3-5 minutes) to share about how Camp has impacted you as a follower of Jesus, or what you feel is essential about having spaces like Camp Mennoscah available – if it ceased to exist, what would we lose?

Church Office Hours this week: Tuesday & Thursday 9am-2pm.

Closed Wednesday. Pastor Tonya will be observing "Day Apart with God."



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