

# Druid Hills Presbyterian Church

## Earth Day Worship Service

*April 21, 2024*

### **Welcome!**

*Druid Hills Presbyterian Church calls everyone into Christian community to explore God's purpose for our lives, celebrate God's work in the world, and serve the needs of our neighbors.*

### **GOD GATHERS US AROUND THE WORD**

† *You are invited to stand when you see this symbol.*

**PRELUDE**

*Requiem*

Charles Villiers Stanford

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### † **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: Morning has broken!*

**All: We gather to greet the new day by praising God.**  
*God created us for relationship with God, one another, and creation.*  
**Let us honor those relationships today and every day.**  
*We seek to care for all members of the family of God  
and for the creatures of the sea, soil, and sky.*  
**Let us honor those relationships today and every day.**  
*May we commit to new ways of honoring God's creation  
as a means of sharing Jesus' transforming love,  
and let us seek God's grace, justice, and mercy for all.*

† **HYMN #498**

*Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

Beach Spring

### **CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

### **UNISON PRAYER OF BROKENNESS**

*God of all things, each week we gather and pray the prayer  
that Jesus taught us to pray, beginning with the words, "Our Father..."*  
**We confess, though, that each week we forget that  
you are our loving parent who  
continues to create and move in this world.**

*Jesus told us that you are "...in heaven...,"*  
**yet we fail to live in wonder of your holiness.**  
**We take you for granted,**  
**and are blind to the awesome beauty**  
**of the little heavens here among us.**

*We pray, "Hallowed be your name...,"*  
**but our awe of you is too small**  
**to lead us to care reverently for your earth, sky, and sea.**

*We pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven..."*  
**but we put our own interests first--**  
**exploiting your creation and**  
**living for our own convenience and self-interest.**

*We pray, "Give us this day our daily bread,"*  
**but we consume more than our share**  
**and watch silently while vibrant lives turn dull due to the lack of resources.**

*We pray, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us,"*  
**yet we consider these words only in spiritual terms**  
**and think nothing about the real physical hurt we inflict**  
**on the seas and swamps, the birds and bats, the mountains and molehills.**

*We pray, "Lead us not into temptation,"*  
**yet we regularly fall prey to the desire**  
**to spend more, use more, acquire more, and waste more.**

*We pray, "Deliver us from evil..."*  
**yet we often act from greed and self-centeredness,**  
**causing separation from you and others.**

*We pray, "For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever."*  
**Help us to know that in caring for your good creation,**  
**we are working for your kingdom,**  
**being careful stewards of your creative power,**  
**and giving you glory.**

(time for silent reflection)

## **POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

### **† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Confession of 1967*

**God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ**  
**embraces the whole of human life:**  
**social and cultural, economic and political,**  
**scientific and technological, individual and corporate.**  
**It includes the natural environment**  
**as exploited and despoiled by sin.**  
**It is the will of God that the divine purpose for human life**  
**shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ**  
**and all evil be banished from creation.**

With an urgency born of hope,  
the church applies itself to present tasks  
and strives for a better world.  
It does not identify limited progress  
with the kingdom of God on earth,  
nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.  
In steadfast hope,  
the church looks beyond all partial achievement  
to the final triumph of God.

## ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

[John 6:1-15](#)

p 97 NT

*This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

#### SERMON

“Enough is Enough”

Jay Horton

#### † HYMN #769

*For Everyone Born*

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## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**INVITATION TO SHARING OUR GIFTS** — Consider supporting our ministries through an [online gift](#), or mail a check to Druid Hills Presbyterian Church, 1026 Ponce de Leon Ave., Atlanta, GA 30306. Offering and prayer/attendance cards may be placed in the stands at either end of the sanctuary.

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**Thank you.** Thank you to Bob Battaglin for overseeing DHPC's recycling center. Bob makes sure the items brought in make it from DHPC to the appropriate recycling centers, such as the Batteries Plus store and CHaRM.

**Earth Stewardship Invitation:** See if there's anything in your household you can save before tossing it in the trash. Maybe you can mend an old pair of jeans instead of buying a new pair. Or, you can cut up old T-shirts into rags. With a little creative thinking, the options are endless!

#### ANTHEM

*The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*

Tom Fettke

When I gaze into the night skies and see the works of your fingers; The moon and stars suspended in space.

Oh, Who am I that You are mindful of me?

You have given me a crown of glory and honor, and have made me a little lower than the angels.

You have put me in charge of all creation - the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.

Oh, Who am I that You are mindful of me?

O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens.

O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly, and so would we.

Alleluia! Alleluia! The majesty and glory of your name! Alleluia!

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
 O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
 All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; | join me in glad adoration!

## 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.**

## BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN #713

*Touch the Earth Lightly*

Tenderness

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune*

Frederick Swann

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## WORSHIP NOTES

**Thank you and welcome to our guest preacher, Jay Horton**, who serves as the marketing lead for Georgia Interfaith Power & Light (GIPL). At GIPL, Jay works to tell the story of both environmental injustice and hope in the state of Georgia through creative writing and graphic communication. Jay is a certified candidate for ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church pursuing deacon's orders. He also serves as a board member for the Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN), a national faith-based LGBTQ justice organization. Jay and his husband Robert are fathers to their three-year-old pup, Magnolia June. When not working, Jay enjoys reading, running, traveling, and hanging out with his nieces.

**Thank you to our guest organist, Dr. Michael Collier**, for providing the beautiful music for today's worship service.

**Today's call to worship** comes from the National Council of Churches USA Creation Justice Ministries. **The unison prayer of brokenness** is inspired by the writings of Revs. Bruce and Carolyn Gillette. **The prayers of the people** was inspired by a prayer from the United Church of Canada.

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