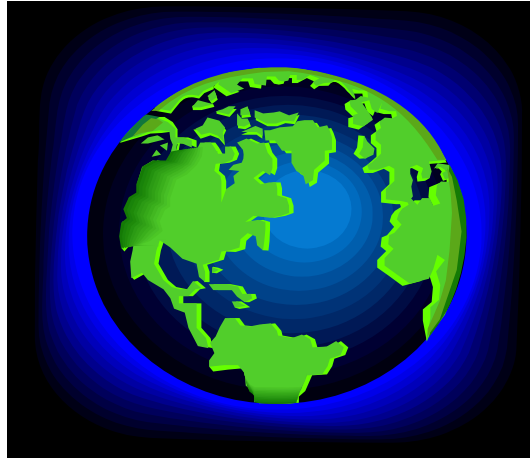


CARING FOR CREATION

SUNDAY WORSHIP



APRIL 15, 2007

HARRELL CENTER

LAKE JUNALUSKA, NC

Prelude: *For The Beauty Of The Earth*
 arr. John Purifoy

Call To Worship:

Leader: O God, we come into your gates
 with thanksgiving.

**People: We thank you for life, for
 breath, and for all the blessings you
 pour upon us.**

Leader: O God, we come into your gates
 with praise.

**People: We praise you for the goodness of all
 creation, for farmers and farm land, for
 grocers and vegetables, for animals and
 earth, for all that you have made and called
 good.**

Leader: O God, we come into your gates to
 bless your name.

People: Alleluia! Praise be to you, God of life!

Hymn: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* 89

Opening Prayer

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 106:6-15

John 3:16

Romans 8:18-25

Prayer Of Confession: **O God, as we praise
you we know we fail to live as we should.
We are resurrected people and you have
given us every reason to be bold and faithful.
Yet while you rise triumphant over death,
We participate in unjust systems that
diminish life—for other human beings, for
animals and for your creation. Individually,
and corporately we have turned from good.
O God, show us how to open our arms to
your good world, to live faithfully and
peacefully with creation. In Jesus, the
Christ , we pray. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon

Sermon: **Sustainability: A Theological Issue**
Dr. Jackson Carroll

Hymn:

God Of The Sparrow, God Of The Whale 122

World Methodist Social Affirmation 66

Offering: *Joyful* arr. Laura Bergquist

Liturgical Dance: *For The Beauty Of The Earth*
John Rutter

Hymn: *All Creatures of Our God And King* 147

Benediction

Our accompanist for today has been Mrs. Pat Stone. She arranged for the Liturgical Dancers. Other worship participants have been participants in the event this weekend. We appreciate their sharing in this time of worship with us. We are very grateful to the Liturgical Dancers who spent many hours in preparing the dance for this event.

At risk of leaving out someone who has help make this event happen, please, we express thanks to the leadership, planning team, volunteers who assisted in many behind the scene ways, the Services Staff, and the many staff here at Lake Junaluska who helped to make this event possible.

Your presence and participation in this event is exciting and appreciated. Please go forth to share what you have gleaned with others in your faith community and help to make your place of worship and study a greener space.

Remember to be on the alert for our training event to train people to do church energy audits in local churches in every district of the South-eastern Jurisdiction. **You will be notified about this.** You can help by encouraging your District Superintendent, Director of Connectional Ministry, Bishop and those on your annual conference staff who have the responsibility for Social Concerns, Stewardship or Missions to send people for this training and our next event on Caring For Creation.

You can be a voice for making your annual conference a “greener” space.

We hope to see you at our next gathering.