



**LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

**APRIL 25, 2021  
4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
11:00 AM**

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

PRELUDE

*Olam Chesed Yibaneh*

Rabbi Menachem Creditor

OPENING PRAYER

The Rev. Jen Dunfee

OPENING HYMN

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

AR HYD Y NOS

*For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.*

*For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.*

*For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.*

*In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.*

*In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.*

*In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.*

*For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.*

*For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.*

*For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Allison Lineberger

SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Exodus 3:1-12*

Pam Deese

*Mark 4:1-9*

SERMON

*Holy Ground, Good Soil*

The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;**

**the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN

*Touch the Earth Lightly, vs. 1,3,4*

TENDERNESS

*Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,  
nourish the life of the world in our care:  
gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,  
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.*

*Let there be greening, birth from the burning,  
water that blesses and air that is sweet,  
health in God's garden, hope in God's children,  
regeneration that peace will complete.*

*God of all living, God of all loving,  
God of the seedling, the snow, and the sun,  
teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,  
using us gently, and making us one.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY

*The Earth Belongs to God Alone*

SIMMONS

RESPONSE

*All Creatures of Our God and King, vs.1*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O brother sun with golden beam,  
O sister moon with softer gleam, sing praises!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Jen Dunfee

*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.*

CLOSING HYMN

*God of the Fertile Fields*

ITALIAN HYMN

*God of the fertile fields, shaper of earth that yields our daily bread;  
forth from your bounteous hand come gifts your love has planned,  
that all in every land be clothed and fed.*

*We would be stewards true, holding in trust from you all that you give;  
help us in love to share, teach us like you to care  
for people everywhere that all may live.*

*As grows the hidden seed to fruit that serves our need,  
so your reign grows. Let all our be used, no gift of yours abused,  
no humble task refused your love bestows.*

*God of the countryside, dear to the Christ, who died to make us one:  
we pledge our lives anew in faithful love to you.  
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.*

BLESSING

The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

POSTLUDE

*Colors of the Wind*

Alan Menken and Stephen Schwartz

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Participating in the worship service (in order of appearance):

The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

John Nothaft, Director of Music Ministries

Evan Ayars, Tenor

Jeannette Mulherin, Alto

John Clewett, Bass

The Rev. Jen Dunfee

Allison Lineberger, Director of Christian Education

Pam Deese, Lay Reader

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The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by **Jack and Susan Pearl** in loving memory of their son, Michael, and in celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary on April 24.