

Midway Christian Church

Disciples of Christ
Midway, KY

EARTH SUNDAY



April 18, 2021

Special Guest:
Rev. Dr. Leah Schade

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(Disciples of Christ)

April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

10:55 a.m.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: Come, worship the God of all Creation.

All: **We gather to praise the Creator, the continuous source of all living things.**

One: Come, worship our God who breathes life into being.

All: **We praise the Creator who fashions the forests, whose trees clean the air of this world.**

One: Come, worship our God who forms life out of soil.

All: **We praise the Creator whose land brings nourishment.**

One: Come, worship our God who receives our lament in the wilderness.

All: **We praise the Creator whose Son brings healing to all Creation.**

One: Come, worship our God who sends waters flowing with life.

All: **We praise the Creator whose baptism unites us to be one in the Body of Christ with all Creation. Let us worship our God!**

Opening Hymn

*“For the Beauty of the Earth”
Chalice #56, All Verses*

Invocation

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.

Gloria Patri

Chalice #36

Passing of the Peace

*The peace of the Lord be with you. And also with you.
(Greet one another in the spirit of Christ)*

Reading:

Genesis 41:53–42:5

NRSV Old Testament Pg 38

Prayer Hymn

*“This is My Father’s World”
Chalice #59, All Verses*

Prayer of the Congregation

Anthem:

“Earth and All Kin”

*Dr. Leah Schade,
harp & singing*

Scripture:

Luke 9:51-58

NRSV New Testament Pg 66

This is the word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Title: *“Climate Migration: What is the Church’s Response?”*

Litany of Commitment

- One: As we seek to relax our grip so that Earth, our fragile sister, might rest from our labors, we ask for the vision of the Holy Spirit to help us to see our world more vividly than we have done in the past.
- All: **Grant us vision for the challenges of this age and give us hearts full of courage for the future.**
- One: Draw us to contemplation and silence so that we might see, in wonder, our lives intertwined with the squirrels and the cardinal, the creatures great and small, the beauty of each season. Help us to see the cycle of birth, growth, death, and rebirth so as to give us courage in the ongoing Creation of our Creator.
- All: **Deepen our faith and enliven our thinking, nourish our bodies and strengthen our souls, that we may be your message in the world, your servants for the common wellness of the Earth. Make us weavers of a new order, healers of a new Earth.**
- One: Break our hearts with your compassion that reaches out to those displaced by environmental disasters and the climate crisis.
- All: **Position our community of faith so that we may receive your children, help them rebuild, and work together to restore your Creation.**
- One: Grant us grace through the Creator of the Cosmos. Give us a measure of the Spirit that these commitments we make before you might make our work holy.
- All: **Let us go forth with steady hand, uplifted heart, clear eye and alert mind, with firm step, and willing hands. May we arrive at fresh springs of renewal through God's holy Word, in our communities of faith, and in deep solidarity with all Creation. Let the whole Creation hear and bear witness. Amen**

SERVICE OF THE TABLE

- Hymn *“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”
Chalice #73, All Verses*
- Words of Institution
- Prayer
- Communion *Taking the bread and the cup you have prepared*
- Prayer for the Offertory
- Offertory *“I’ve Got Peace Like a River” Clara Thurman, piano*
- Doxology *Chalice #46*
- Invitation to Discipleship
- Hymn *“All Creatures of Our God and King”
Chalice #22, All Verses*
- Benediction

Participating in the service today:

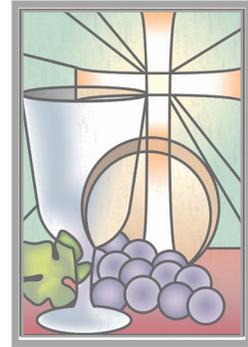
Ministers: All of us

Guest Preacher: Dr. Leah Schade

Music Director & Accompanist: Teena Chinn

Worship Leader: Elizabeth Smith

Lead Elder: Shirley Eckels



Midway Christian Church's Vision Statement

The vision of Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is to be a Christ-centered, welcoming community of faith, building on its historical mission of loving God and one another, in an atmosphere of spiritual growth, witness, and worship.

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