



Watching Over Conglomerate Mesa by Kris Hohag



MOUNT HOLLYWOOD

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

~ Order of Worship ~
Third Sunday of Easter
Creation Sunday
April 18, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

For Reflection:

"I used to think that if we threw enough good science at the environmental problems, we could solve them. I was wrong. The main threats to the environment are not biodiversity loss, pollution, and climate change, as I once thought. They are selfishness and greed and pride. And for that we need a spiritual and cultural transformation..." ~ James "Gus" Speth

We Gather in Community

Welcoming Music

Joe Lawrence

Welcome

Rev. Ashley Hiestand

Ring of the Bell Young Person

Announcements Jean Koch

Gathering Prayer *by Catholic Relief Services* Jean Koch

*God of all Creation,
At the beginning of time
You placed a single mandate on humankind
To be stewards of Creation
To replenish and nurture all generations
What you have made
We kneel today amid that same Creation-
A world that is, in many ways, more splendid than ever
But, in too many ways, scarred beyond recognition
Turn us from our unmindfulness
Help our tough be light
Help us renew the worlds that supports us
So we may once more know Creation
As it was in the beginning
Amen*

Passing the Peace Jean Koch

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the sign of peace with one another.

We invite you to unmute yourself as you pass the peace!

We Share the Word

Time with our Young People Rev. Ashley Hiestand

Moment for Poetry L.A. River: The River Speaks

Solo "Earth Medley" Various
Aimee Young, soloist

Readings Romans 12:1 Jean Koch

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Luke 24:36b-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why

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Sung Response # 8 v.4

**Praise to the living God, around, within, above,
Beyond the grasp of human mind, but whom we know as Love.
In these tumultuous days, so full of hope and strife,
May we bear witness to the Way, O Source and Goal of Life.**

Prayer of Dedication

Jean Koch

We Are Sent

Sending Hymn

#559 Verses 1, 3, 5

Thank You, God

Benediction

Rev. Ashley Hiestand

We are of the earth, and this earth is of us. When we care for it, we care for each other. Go forth to love and serve it, knowing in your deepest heart that you are blessed from the beginning of time. In the name of the One who called all things good. Amen.

We invite you to stay online for Zoom Virtual Coffee Hour!

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