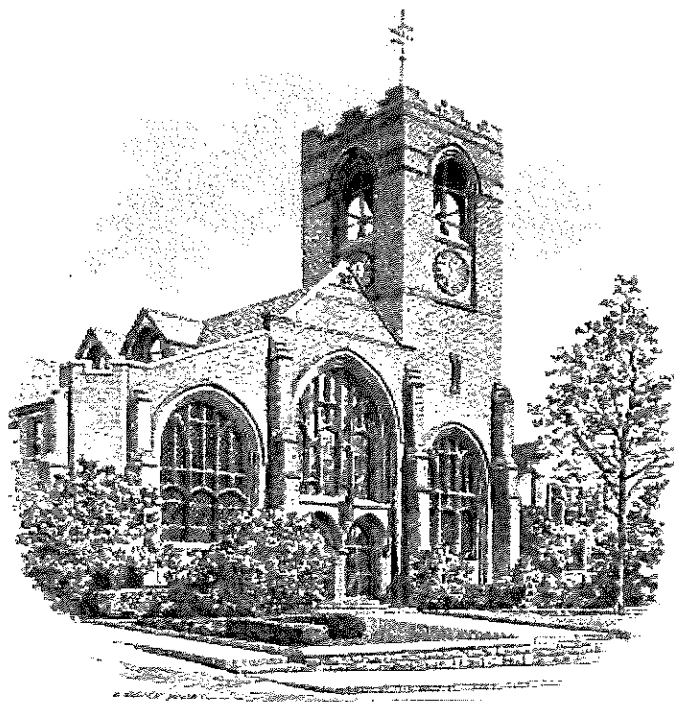


***Second Congregational Church of Attleboro  
United Church of Christ  
April 21, 2024  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
New Members***



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**Prelude**

Variations on DIX  
("For the Beauty of the Earth")

David Dahl

**Welcome & Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Tara Tetreault, Liturgist

Liturgist: We are witnesses to great deeds as God's will is done. Come, people, and praise this Lord as history becomes story.

**People: Let us gather in boldness to proclaim once more that the dwelling place of God is here, in the midst of the people.**

**\*Hymn**

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

No. 31

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

Liturgist: Let us pray together

**All: God of all, God who sees and calls us into leadership, judging not with the eyes of the world but based on your knowledge of us to our deepest core, we state with confidence: It is well with our soul. All is well, because we love you, trust you, and desire you to lead us to your kingdom together. Continue to name us as your own and bless us with inspired leadership and with the will to follow those whom you call, young and old, weak and strong, poor and rich, trusting always in your wisdom and mercy. Inspire us in this time of worship. Amen.**

**Response**

"Gloria Patri" No. 734

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

**Anthem**

"The Lord is My Shepherd"  
*Catherine Giannetti, soloist*

Howard Goodall

**Sunday School Dismissal**

**Induction of New Members**

*Insert*

## Pastoral Prayer

### Prayers of Joys and Concerns of the People

#### Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray as Christ our savior has taught us.

**All: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

#### Offertory

**\*Doxology** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 34

#### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn** "For Beauty of Meadows" No. 28

**Scripture** Psalm 23 OT pg. 487

**Sermon** "Earth Day" Reverend Dr. Will Sencabaugh

**\*Hymn** "For the Beauty of the Earth" No. 40

#### **\*Benediction**

##### **Response**

*"Savior, Again to Your Dear Name" No. 711, vs. 1*

Savior, again to your dear name we raise  
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;  
we give you thanks before our worship cease,  
and now departing, wait your word of peace.

#### **Postlude**

Prelude on ELLACOMBE Michael Burkhardt  
("I Sing the Almighty Power of God")

*If you are leaving the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly.*

*Throughout the bulletin, when you see an \* you are invited to stand if you are able.*

## Induction of New Members

### Invitation & Sentences

#### Questions of the Candidates

Pastor: Do you desire to affirm your baptism or become baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

**Candidates: I do.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**Candidates: I do.**

Pastor: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

**Candidates: I promise, with the help of God.**

Pastor: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

**Candidates: I promise with the help of God.**

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

Pastor: Let us rise and unite with the ministry of Christ in all places in confessing our faith which celebrates unity and diversity in accordance with the Salem Covenant.

**All: We Covenant with the Lord and one with an other; and doe bynd our selves in the presence of God, to walke together in all his waies, according as he is pleased to reveale himselfe unto us in his Blessed word of truth.**

#### Address:

Pastor: By your baptism you were made one with us in the body of Christ, the church. Today we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place. We give thanks for every community of faith that has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith.

#### Question about Participation

Pastor: Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world?

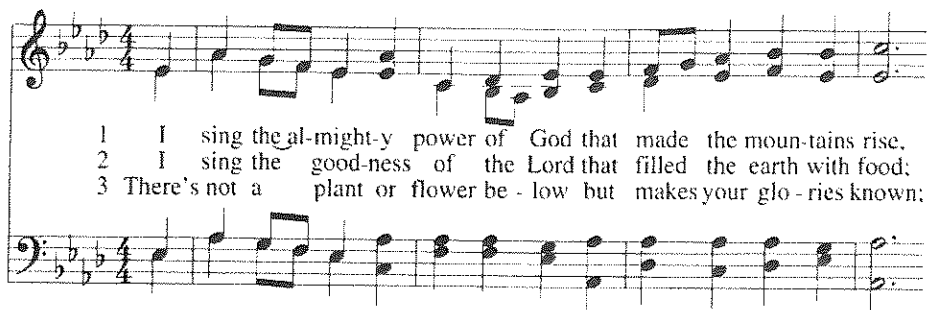
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#### Prayer

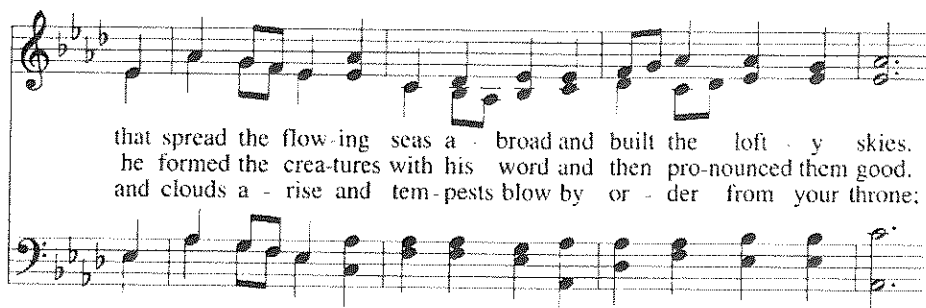
Pastor: Please join now in our unison prayer.

**All: Eternal God, we praise you for calling us to be your servant people and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for sending to us these believers that we may work together in serving the needs of others. Confirm in us the power of your covenant that we may live in your Spirit, share regularly in worship, and so love each other that we may have among us the same mind which was in Christ Jesus, to whom be all honor and glory. Amen**

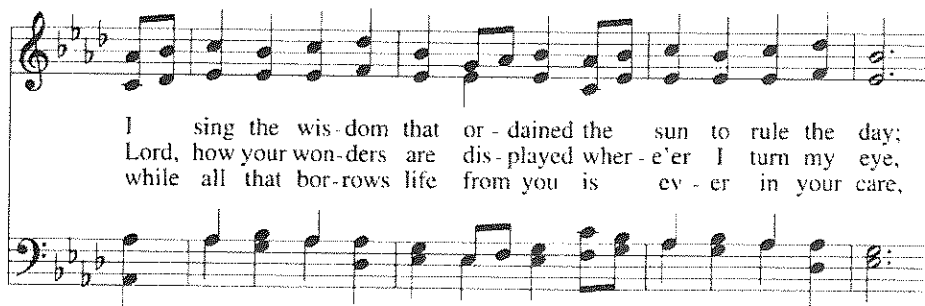
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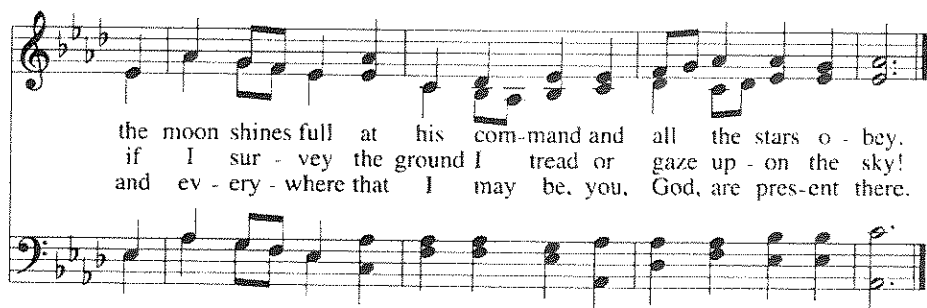
1 I sing the al-might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,  
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;  
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes your glo - ries known;



that spread the flow-ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y skies,  
he formed the crea-tures with his word and then pro-nounced them good,  
and clouds a - rise and tem-pests blow by or - der from your throne;



I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;  
Lord, how your won-ders are dis-played wher - e'er I turn my eye,  
while all that bor-rows life from you is ev - er in your care,



the moon shines full at his com-mand and all the stars o - bey,  
if I sur - vey the ground I tread or gaze up - on the sky!  
and ev - ery - where that I may be, you, God, are pres-ent there.

# For Beauty of Meadows

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1 For beau - ty of mead - ows, for gran - deur of trees,  
 2 As stew - ards of beau - ty re - ceived at your hand.  
 3 Teach us once a - gain to be gar - deners in peace;

for flow - ers of wood - lands, for crea - tures of seas,  
 as crea - tures who hear your most ur - gent com - mand,  
 all na - ture a - round us is ours but on lease;

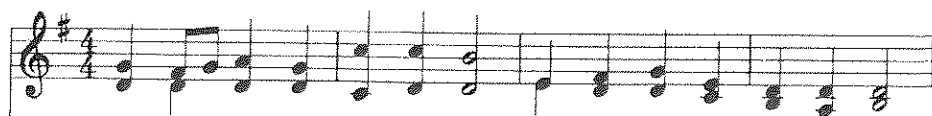
for all you cre - at - ed and gave us to share,  
 we turn from our waste - ful de - struc - tion of life,  
 your name we would hal - low in all that we do,

we praise you, Cre - a - tor, ex - tol - ling your care.  
 con - fess - ing our fail - ures, con - fess - ing our strife.  
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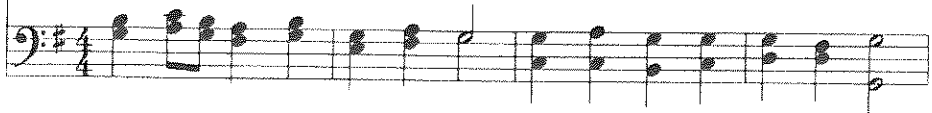
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# For the Beauty of the Earth

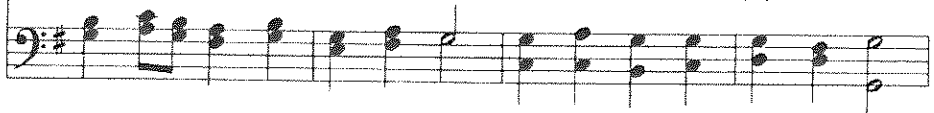
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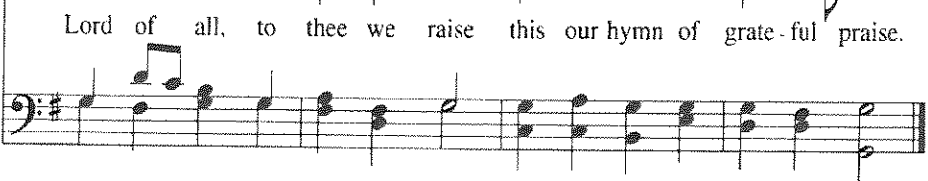
1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child.  
4 For the church that ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,  
5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our race so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,  
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,  
of - fering up on ev - ery shore her pure sac - ri - fice of love,  
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven,



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.



WORDS: Follott S. Pierpsint (1835-1917), alt.  
MUSIC: Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William H. Monk (1823-1889)

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The Lead Deacon this month is Wendy Oliver.

### Meetings and Activities

Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 am 1:30 pm	Worship / Sunday School Attleboro Baby Shower, First Baptist
Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack 33 Den Meetings PFLAG Meeting
Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	<b>MAY VOICE INPUT DEADLINE</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Sacred Dance Rehearsal
Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am 11:15 am	Worship / Sunday School Church Council Meeting
Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup>	3 to 5 pm	Food Pantry Distribution
Wednesday, May 1 <sup>st</sup>	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Pack 33 Den Meetings
Thursday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, 4 <sup>th</sup>	8 to 10:30 am	<b>MAY BREAKFAST!</b>
Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am 11:15 am	Gathering Worship / Communion Christian Education Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am 6:30 pm	Communion Visitation Team Meeting Cub Scout Pack 33 Den Meetings
Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, 11 <sup>th</sup>	8 to Noon 6 to 8 pm	All-church Work Day – <i>Sign up at Office</i> <b>COFFEE HOUSE &amp; OPEN MIC</b>
Sunday, 12 <sup>th</sup> <i>Mothers Day</i>	10:00 am	Worship / Sunday School

**ATTLEBORO BABY SHOWER** at First Baptist Church: As part of Second Congregational Church's Outreach & Missions program, we are collaborating with our friends at First Baptist Church in supporting young Attleboro area families with an Attleboro Baby Shower. Want to help? Join us Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 pm in First Baptist Church's Fellowship Hall, 118 South Main Street, Attleboro. Items (not wrapped) needed for a baby up to 1 year old are: Diapers, wipes, baby clothes (onesies, sleepwear, sweaters, socks, mittens, bibs), receiving & regular blankets, towels, pacifiers, teething rings and soft toys. *Thank you!*

Women's Fellowship is doing **MAY BREAKFAST (May 4<sup>th</sup>)** helper signups. If you have a role you want to reserve, see or call Jen Turcotte as soon as you get a chance. You may also contact Sandy Saunders to sign up for your slot at the May 18<sup>th</sup> **YARD SALE**.

**THE FOOD PANTRY** is in particular need of cereal and fruit juices. Please consider picking some extras up this week and dropping them off in the Parlor or at the church office/kitchen. *Thanks!*



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50 Park Street, Downtown Attleboro



## 40<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MAY BREAKFAST

**Saturday, May 4, 2024**

**8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

**Reservations Recommended**

**\*\*\* MENU \*\*\***

**Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries,  
French Toast, Sausages,  
Cinnamon Rolls & Halos  
Orange juice, coffee & tea**

**\$13.00 Adults, \$5.00 ages 4-11, 3 & under free**

**May Baskets - \$6.00 - Filled with homemade goodies**

**Call for reservations - Church Office - 508-222-4677**

# **START YOUR DAY RIGHT!**