



PRELUDE

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Don Phillips

WELCOME

Rev. Michael Chamberlain

CALL TO CELEBRATION

Deb Ratzlaff

“Alleluia”

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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OPENING PRAYER

Maddi Baugous

Mother God, you formed us from the soil and breathed life into our bones. Thank you for our bodies and earthly companions of flora and fauna. We are grateful that you chose to teach us how to be human by becoming human among us. Open our hearts to wonder and transformation. Teach us to rebel against the silencing of your creatures, the falling of your forests, and the suffering of your children. Help us to become ambassadors of reconciliation on our way to new creation. O Love Incarnate, may your *kin-dom* come on Earth as it is in heaven. **Amen.**

Written by Zoe Matties Manitoba Program Manager Retrieved from: <https://arocha.ca/the-prayers-of-creation-an-earth-day-litany>

OPENING HYMN

“This Is God’s Wonderous World”

This__ is God's won - drous world, and__
 This__ is God's won - drous world: The__
 This__ is God's won - drous world: O__

to my lis - t'ning ears all na - ture sings, and__
 birds their car - ols raise; the morn - ing light, the__
 let me ne'er for - get that though the wrong seems

round me rings the mu - sic of the__ spheres. This
 li - ly white, de - clare__ their Mak - er's__ praise. This
 oft so strong, God is__ the ru - ler__ yet. This

is God's won-drous world, I__ rest me in the
 is God's won-drous world: God__ shines in all that's
 is God's won-drous world: Why should my heart be

thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, God's
fair; in the rustling grass or mountain pass, God's
sad? Let voices sing, let the heavens ring: God
hand the wonders wrought.
voice speaks every where.
reigns, let earth be glad!

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PSALM

Psalm 8

MISSION MOMENT

Kevin Wycoff

SERMON TEXT

Genesis 1:1-31

SERMON

"The Very Good Earth"

Rev. Michael Chamberlain

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Touch the Earth Lightly"

Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly, nour - ish the
We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger, a - gents of
Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing, wa - ter that
God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing, God of the
life of the world in our care: gift of great won - der, ours to sur -
death for all crea - tures that live, we who would fos - ter clouds of dis -
bless - es and air that is sweet, health in God's gar - den, hope in god's
seed - ling, the snow and the sun, teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con -
ren - der, trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
as - ter, God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give.
chil - dren, re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
nect us, us - ing us gent - ly and mak - ing us one.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

If you would like to share a prayer, please type in the comment section your Prayers of Concern or Prayers of Thanksgiving.

Prayers of Concern

Prayers of Thanksgiving

PASTORAL PRAYER

Maddi Baugous

SUNG LORD'S PRAYER The Cantor will sing a phrase and the Congregation will repeat it.

MUSIC

"Canticle of the Sun"

Marty Haugen

LITANY

“Litany for Creation Care”

CLOSING HYMN

“Trees of the Field”

You shall go out with joy— and be led forth in peace;
 — the moun-tains and the hills will break forth be -
 fore you; there'll be shouts of joy,— and all the trees of the
 field will clap, will clap their hands. And all the trees of the
 field will clap their hands, (Clap hands) — the trees of the field will
 clap their hands, — the trees of the field will
 clap their hands— while you go out with joy.

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Emma Lou Diemer

MUSICIANS:	Mark Kurtz, piano and voice	
	Marie Meyers, organ	
	Jill Anderson, voice	
	Jeff Kolega, persussion	

**THANK YOU TO THE ECO TEAM
FOR HELPING WITH WORSHIP THIS WEEK!**

Very special thanks to Deb Ratzlaff & Kevin Wycoff!
 Make sure to check out Children's Church on Facebook this week
 for a special guest appearance by Deb!

Thank you to Chris Marshall for video and sound services.

Announcing

April 25, 2021

SUNDAY EVENINGS ON THE LAWN

JOIN US SUNDAYS AT 5:30PM ON THE FRONT LAWN
(SOUTH SIDE OF THE CHURCH)
FOR A TIME OF PRAYER AND TO RECEIVE COMMUNION.
PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK AND BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIR!



First United Methodist Church

Children's Sunday School

Bring your children for a fun-filled outdoor event! On Sunday, May 2nd we will be having an outdoor Children's Sunday School at 5:30 pm. Join us by door #4 (near the commons) for a lesson on trees, May Day basket making and other activities! Once we are done, we will rejoin the adults on the front lawn for our weekly Evening on the Lawn!

If you are interested in joining, please RSVP to Fran Sillau at Fran.Sillau@fumcomaha.org!



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, April 25th, 2:30-4:30pm

Omaha Together One Community (OTOC)

Virtual Candidate Accountability Session

Stand together with fellow OTOC institutions as we challenge our elected officials to commit to working with us to build a more just Omaha.

Register for this ZOOM event at bit.ly/OTOC042521
OR by scanning the code below with your smart phone
OR by calling Gloria Austerberry at 402-455-7751



TODAY



Camp Rainbow - July 2021 Registration

We are thrilled to announce the return of Camp Rainbow! Our summer camps this year will take place in July. We will be learning in person this summer, and enjoying our beautiful outdoor playground and garden! Camp Rainbow is a wonderful opportunity for your child to build friendships, grow their confidence, and have fun! This is also a great opportunity for in-coming students to get to know our school. We are offering four weeks of camp!

Please visit our website
rainbowfactorypreschool.com,

LIVING HOPE FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry Open
Monday - Friday 10 am - 4 pm
(Closed 1pm - 2 pm for Lunch)

Volunteers needed for all days.

Please call Living Hope Pantry at 402-614-7452
or contact Ron Alexander
at rwalexander@hotmail.com

Drop-off Food Donations at FUMC
(food donation container provided outside door #2)

Clair Cares Food Pantry

Volunteers Needed!

For Information on Volunteering,
Contact Judy Prenzler at prenzler@cox.net

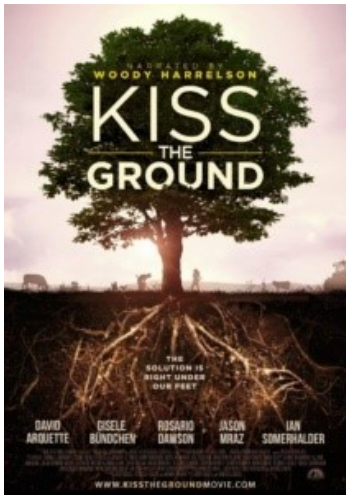
Next Opportunity for Volunteering:
3rd Friday and Saturday of the month
(May 21 & 22), 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Donations of food or money are always welcome.

We are in need of nonperishable food items - box cereal, pasta, rice, can fruits and vegetables, crackers, cookies, peanut butter and jelly, boxed meals, etc.

Please drop off at FUMC, 7020 Cass St., Omaha
During office hours 8:00 am - 3:00 pm Mon - Thurs
(food donation container provided outside door #2)





KISS THE GROUND

FUMC Eco Team is a co-sponsor for the viewing of *Kiss the Ground*, an engaging documentary giving us hope to address climate change.

Watch a Great Plains farmer discover regenerative agriculture to save his farm and help feed the world. Apply regenerative ideas to your garden this year.

Nebraska Interfaith Power & Light is also offering webinars on regenerative ag on ~~Monday, April 19~~ and regenerative gardening on **Monday, April 26**. Both events are 7-8 pm; details at www.nebraskaipnl.org.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER TO SCREEN THE FILM AND TAKE PART IN THE WEBINAR



The Omaha Mayoral election is **Tuesday, May 11!**
Pick up a **VOTE** bumper sticker from the church office!
Call 402.556.6262 for a sticker.

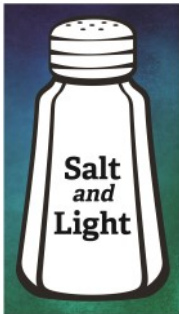
All politics are local! It makes a difference who we elect for leadership in our city! Don't sit this one out!

To get information on:

- How to register to vote
- A sample ballot
- Voting in-person before the election day May 11
- Status of college students and voting
- Check the status of your early mail-in ballot, and more

go to <https://www.civiconebraska.org/election-2021/2021-faq/>

Also, if you would like to volunteer to be an election protection worker **May 11th**, contact Mike Forsyth at Civic Nebraska, 402/490-4831 for details about online training. You can choose the times you work and for how long. Each of us makes a difference and our community will only become stronger if we all use our voices to make it so!




CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN AT CAMP FONTANELLE!

Click on this image to check out the camp schedule, registration, scholarships, COVID-19 response, video tools and more information!



VIM Opportunities! Food Bank for the Heartland

Tuesday, June 22nd @ 1:00 - 3:30 pm

Saturday, September 25th @ 9:00 - 11:30 am

Tuesday, December 14th @ 1:00 - 3:30 pm

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Anna Rodriguez @ Anna.Rodriguez@fumcomaha.org or 402.556.6262, so that she can get your information to Bruce Deines.

Welcome

YOU ARE NOT ALONE...

Today is Sunday,
April 25, 2021



From Participants to Partners

All are always welcome to participate in the life and ministries of FUMC Omaha. When you are ready to move from participant to partnership through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, please contact Pastor Mike, Pastoral Intern, Maddi, or Director of Communication and Membership, Anna by e-mail or phone; they'd be delighted to answer your questions and get to know one another!

Mike.Chamberlain@fumcomaha.org; 402-556-6262 x1002

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Church Staff Contact Information

Church Phone Number is 402-556-6262

Listed below are the four digit staff extension numbers.

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GIVING

Thank you for supporting the ministries of FUMC. Contribution letters are provided to identified donors for tax-deduction records at year end.

Automated Giving Made Easy - Would you like to have your donation withdrawn automatically from your checking account every month?

If so, you may contact Noni Cambridge at Noni.Cambridge@fumcomaha.org to begin the process. The monthly withdrawal will occur on the 10th of each month or the next business day if the 10th falls on a weekend. If you have any questions, please contact Noni. Thanks! Giving Digitally – First United Methodist Church accepts multiple ways to give online.

Please go to: <http://fumcomaha.org/giving/> for more information on how you may give online.

Please go to www.facebook.com/FUMCOmaha and click the blue Donate button to give via Facebook.

PASTORAL CARE

In these times, if you are in need of additional support, pastoral care, or there is an emergency, please reach out to

Maddi Baugous at maddi.baugous@fumcomaha.org

or call 402.556.6262 x1006 (Mon-Thur. 8:30-3:00pm).

You can also email Lynne Elwood lelwood2@gmail.com to be added to our prayer chain.

We are here for you!



Please visit us online at fumcomaha.org for updates, information, and recorded sermons.



Watch live sermons streamed on Facebook every Sunday at 10:50 am.

Please like us and get more information on Facebook www.facebook.com/FUMComaha

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Temporary Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs, 8:30 am to 3 pm

Closed Friday, Saturday,

Sunday Online Service 10:50 am

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