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an inclusive community of faith

► Welcome to worship!

We are so glad you've chosen to join us this week. Greenwood Forest Baptist Church is an inclusive community of faith, which means we welcome, affirm, and include all God's people in their diversity of genders, sexual orientations, races, ethnicities, ages, abilities, and backgrounds. We are each beloved by God and we are happy to welcome you to our church this morning exactly as you are.

► *Today's colors are white and gold. White and gold for the Easter season symbolize divine light, the joy of resurrection, and the glory of God.*

► *Hearing assistance devices are available at the back of the sanctuary.*

► *Services are livestreamed and you may end up on camera.*



Scan to give!



Order of Worship

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship (Psalm 148)

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

Leader: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

People: To the house of the God of Jacob;

Leader: That the Lord may teach us God's ways

People: And that we may walk in God's paths.

Leader: For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,

People: and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Leader: God shall judge between the nations,

People: and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

Leader: They shall beat their swords into plowshares,

People: And their spears into pruning hooks;

Leader: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

People: Neither shall they learn war any more.

Leader: O house of Jacob, come!

People: Let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Invocation

Rev. Spears-Newsome

Gathering Hymn

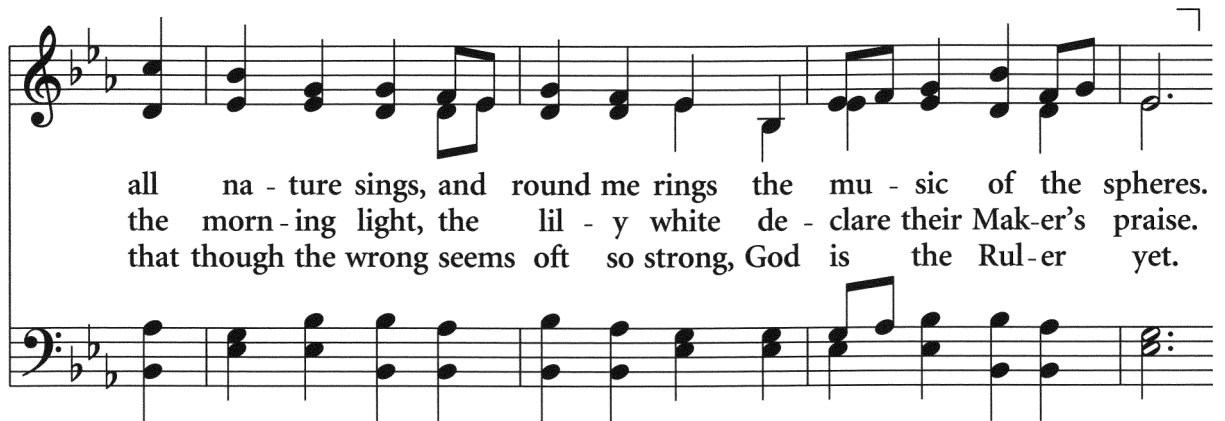
This is My Father's World

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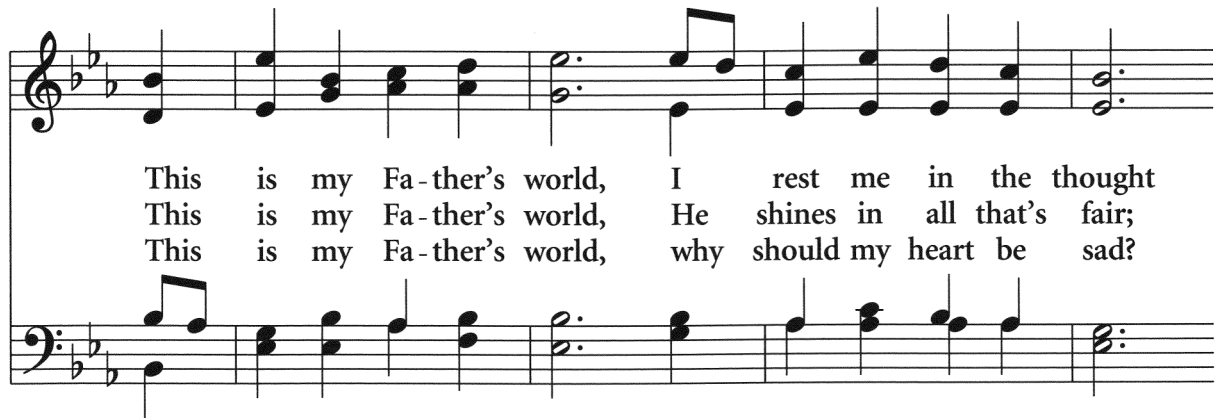
This is My Father's World



1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears,
2. This is my Fa-ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise;
3. This is my Fa-ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get



all na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
the morn - ing light, the lil - y white de - clare their Mak - er's praise.
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world, I rest me in the thought
This is my Fa-ther's world, He shines in all that's fair;
This is my Fa-ther's world, why should my heart be sad?



of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the won - ders wrought.
in rust - ling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me ev - ery - where.
The Lord is King! Let heav - en ring! God reigns! Let earth be glad!

Offertory Prayer

Chris Beal

Presentation of the Offering

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God all creatures here below! O praise God! Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
O praise God, O praise God!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Prayers of the People

Rev. Spears-Newsome

We affirm each prayer with the following response:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

We conclude the Prayers of the People with the 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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn

Light Dawns on a Weary World

(see page 5)

Scripture Reading

Revelation 21:1-7, 22-26

Roz Slawson

We affirm the reading of Scripture with the following response:

Reader: The word of God for us, the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Light Dawns on a Weary World

1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -

see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a

wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.

Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
 the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!
 We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
 as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

Anthem

City Called Heaven

arr. Edward Boatner

(Soloist: Catherine Glasgow)

I am pilgrim, a pilgrim of sorrow,
I'm left in this old wide world,
this wide world alone!
Ain't got no hope, no hope for tomorrow,
I'm trying to make it,
make heaven my home.

Sometimes I'm tossed
and I'm driven, Lord.
Sometimes I just don't know
which way to turn,
I heard of a city, a city called heaven,
I'm trying to make it,
make heaven my home.

Sermon

A New Earth

Rev. Dr. Stacks

Hymn

We are Marching in the Light of God

(see page 6)

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Stacks

Postlude

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We Are Marching in the Light of God

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos';
We are march - ing* in the light of God,

1.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

2.
hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya -
march - ing in the light of the light of God, we are

*Alternate text: dancing, singing, praying...

African phonetics:

See-yah-hahmb eh-koo-kah-nyen kwen-kose

See-yah-hahm-bah

ham - ba,
march-ing

Oo
Oo

Si - ya -
We are

ham - ba, *ham - ba,* *Si - ya - ham - ba,* *ham - ba,* *Si - ya -*
march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing, we are

kwen - khos'
of God

si - ya -
we are

hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. *Si - ya -*
march-ing in the light of the light of God, we are

kwen - khos'
of God

ham - ba,
march-ing

Oo
Oo

Si - ya -
We are

ham - ba, *ham - ba,* *Si - ya - ham - ba,* *ham - ba,* *Si - ya -*
march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing, we are

hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
march-ing in the light of God.

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► Blood Drive

Start off the summer by being a hero and donating blood at Greenwood Forest! We'll be hosting a blood drive on June 3rd from 2:30-7pm. Blood donations are still needed as the country continues to recover from the devastation of the worst days of the pandemic. You can make your appointment today by scanning the QR code above or visiting gfbccary.org/blood (redirects to the Red Cross website).

► Neighborhood Summer Program

Every summer, we join with other area churches in hosting a summer program with nutrition assistance and educational enrichment for neighborhood children. The program runs from 9:00-12:30 on Thursdays during the summer. If you can volunteer for any Thursday morning between **June 23 and August 18**, email Rev. Spears-Newsome (wesley.spears-newsome@gfbccary.org) to sign up. **We need folks who can work in the kitchen and who can play with elementary-school-aged kids.** GFBC kids are also welcome to attend the program.



► Help us Close the Gap!

Unfortunately, this year saw continued disruption for many of us because of the pandemic. That's been true for our financial life as a church, too. As of the end of April, we have spent \$27,073 more than we've received and we are also \$74,598 behind in projected congregational receipts. **We can still fully subscribe this year's budget and close the gap between our spending and receipts. Can you help us achieve that goal?** Don't forget your church over the next few

travel-heavy months and we can end this fiscal year strong!

PRAYPRAYPRAYPRAY

▶ Prayer List*

Richard Adair (Janice Medford's brother)
 Peter Barboriak (Valerie Brooks' friend)
 Gilles Bikindou
 The Family of Ruben Cala (friends of
 Valerie Brooks)
 Scott Davenport (friend of the Biser
 family)
 Vanna Fox
 James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes'
 brother)
 Janet Merriman (Roz Slawson's friend)
 Sylvia Morgan
 Angela Nevils-Harris (Martha Soyars'
 cousin)
 Fred Seeger
 Greg Upchurch
 Marta Whitehouse (Al Whitehouse's
 mother)

Our partners at Ebenezer Baptist, Cuba

**To add a name to the prayer list, please
 contact the church office. Names rotate
 off and can be re-added upon request.*

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▶ Ways to Tithe

- Set up an automated bank draft by filling out a form requested from the church office, attaching a voided check, and mailing it back to the church office.
- Set up auto pay through your bank using the "Bill Pay" function. Then, your bank will mail a check to the church weekly or monthly.
- Give online through the church website at gfbccary.org/give.

▶ April 2022 Finance Update

Updated when the previous months' books close.

	Apr. 2022	YTD
Congregational Giving	\$45,626	\$371,582
Congregational Giving Target	\$51,000	\$446,180
Congregational Giving Under/Over	(\$5,374)	(\$74,598)
Other Receipts	\$3,463	\$81,116
Total Giving and Receipts	\$49,089	\$452,698
Total Disbursements	\$62,029	\$492,751
Under/Over Receipts vs. Disbursements	(\$12,940)	(\$40,053)
Together We Build Giving	\$7,650	\$155,597



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Leadership

Rev. Lauren Efird, Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks, Associate Pastor

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor

Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church