

**April 22, 2007
Third Sunday of Easter**

GATHERING and WELCOME

PRELUDE "A Crown For Me" Southbridge

CALL TO WORSHIP The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it;
The world, and those that dwell in it.
The heavens are telling the glory of God;
And the creation proclaims God's handiwork.
Psalm 24: 1, Psalm 19: 1

*HYMN "Morning Has Broken" No. 145

*THE INVOCATION

Loving God, the light of the morning calls us to life and speaks of the hope of each new day. The expanse of the stars proclaims your immense power and mystery. The fruitfulness of the earth feeds us. The freshness of the air revives us. And all of it, the whole of creation, is your gracious gift.

Be with us on the day of reflection about the creation. Help us to reject any false separation between our spirits and the sacredness of what your hands have made, and lead us to be better stewards of what you have made, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ANTHEM The Youth Choir

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE DISMISSAL HYMN "All Things Bright And Beautiful" No. 147

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Hymnal pg. 39
Tyler James Nelson Jack Tucker Colgan

***All who are able, please stand**

RECEIVING OUR PRAYER REQUESTS

OUR CENTERING TIME "Into My Heart" FWS No. 2160

**Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus;
Come in today, come in to stay, come into my heart, Lord Jesus.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

THE SCRIPTURES Romans 8: 18-25 NT pg. 158
Luke 12: 22-31 NT pg. 74-75

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON True Resurrection: The Church Witnesses to New Life
"Creation Under Siege"

*HYMN "For The Beauty Of The Earth" No. 92

THE OFFERTORY

THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*HYMN "Forth In Thy Name" No. 438

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“The King of Glory”

Wells

Liturgist: Doris Parry

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Please join our “Meet and Greet” time in the Fellowship Hall
following the Worship Service!

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Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:00 – 12:00**