

Hiram Christian Church
Eastertide
Sunday, April 14, 2024



St. Peter Healing the Crippled Beggar
16th Century Manuscript Illumination by Matthias Gerung

Our Brokenness

You're clutching
with both hands

to this myth
of "you" and "I"

our whole brokenness
is because of this

~ Rumi

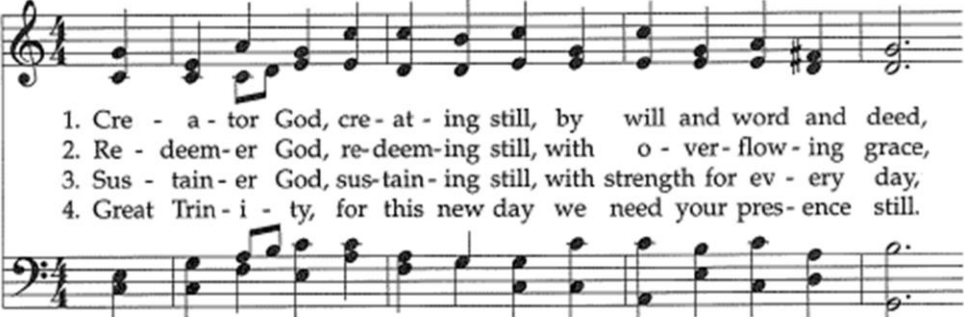
A Service for the Worship of God

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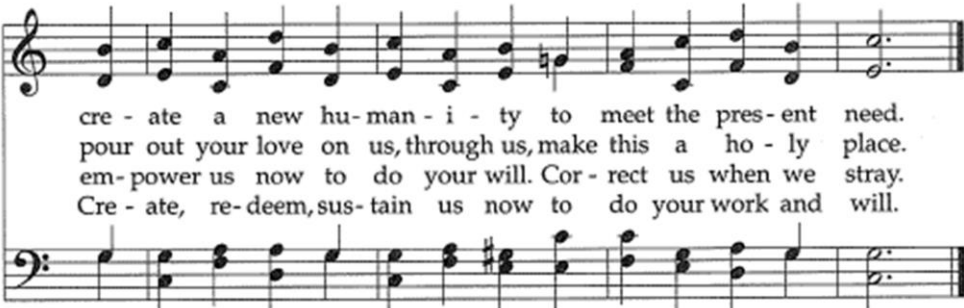
May this time of worship be nurturing to your Spirit,
further encouraging you to be who God has created you to be.

Prelude	<i>My Faith Looks Up to Thee</i>	<i>Arr. Karl Osterland</i>
Welcome		
Peace		
One:	God's Grace and Peace be with you.	
Many:	And also with you.	
*Call to Worship:		
One:	Loving God, in your infinite wisdom, we are glad that you make all things new.	
Many:	Where there is hate, show your love.	
One:	Where there is war, bring your peace.	
Many:	Where there is despair, bring your hope.	
One:	Where there is fear, bring your understanding.	
Many:	Where there is scarcity, bring your abundance.	
One:	Where there is systemic oppression, bring equal justice for all.	
Many:	By your perfect grace and mercy, make us new.	
One:	May it be so.	
Many:	Amen.	
*Hymn	<i>Creator God, Creating Still</i>	#62
Prayers of the People		
Stillness		
The Lord's Prayer	<i>(The language of "debts" and "debtors" is often used. The prayer may begin with the image of parent, "Our Father" or "Our Mother." Use the language that draws you close to our God.)</i>	
Invitation to the Table	This is the Lord's Table. This is an Open Table. All are welcome. All are worthy.	Janet O'Bryant
Communion Hymn	<i>Now the Green Blade Rises</i>	#230
Celebration of Communion		
Prayer of Gratitude		Janet O'Bryant
Response	<i>Amen, Amen, Amen</i>	#312
Children's Sermon		
Special Music	<i>Hallelu, Hallelu and Give Me Oil in My Lamp</i>	Children's Chime Choir
Scripture Reading	Acts 3: 1 – 10	p. NT 92
Sermon	"Rise Up and Sit Down"	Rev. Chris McCreight
*Hymn	<i>We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky</i>	#684
Invitation to Stewardship ++		Janet O'Bryant
Offertory		
Doxology	Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above, ye Heavenly hosts, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	#46
*Prayer of Gratitude		Janet O'Bryant
*Benediction		Rev. Chris McCreight
*Hymn of Going Forth	<i>Weave</i>	#495
Postlude	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	<i>William M. Runyan, Arr. Virginia Halberg</i>

Following the Benediction, your service begins.



1. Cre - a - tor God, cre - at - ing still, by will and word and deed,
 2. Re - deem-er God, re-deem-ing still, with o - ver-flow - ing grace,
 3. Sus - tain-er God, sus-tain-ing still, with strength for ev - ery day,
 4. Great Trin - i - ty, for this new day we need your pres-ence still.



cre - ate a new hu-man - i - ty to meet the pres-ent need.
 pour out your love on us, through us, make this a ho - ly place.
 em-power us now to do your will. Cor - rect us when we stray.
 Cre - ate, re-deem, sus-tain us now to do your work and will.

WORDS: Jane Parker Huber, 1977
 MUSIC: Attr. William Croft, 1708

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Now the Green Blade Rises

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Unison

1. Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2. In the grave they laid the love by ha - tred slain,
 3. Christ came forth at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
 4. When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that Je - sus would not wake a - gain,
 who that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,

love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, the ris - en Christ is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;

Love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

WORDS: John M. C. Crum, 1928
 MUSIC: French carol

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We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky 684

1. We can-not own the sun-lit sky, the moon, the wild-flow'rs grow-ing,
 2. When bod-ies shiv-er in the night and, wea-ry, wait for morn-ing,
 3. God calls hu-man-i-ty to join as part-ners in cre-at-ing

for we are part of all that is with-in life's riv-er flow-ing.
 when chil-dren have no bread but tears, and war-horns sound their warn-ing,
 a fu-ture free from want and fear, life's good-ness cel-e-brat-ing.

With o-pen hands re-ceive and share the gifts of God's cre-a-tion,
 God calls hu-man-i-ty to wake, to join in com-mon la-bor,
 That new world beck-ons from a-far, in-vites our shared en-deav-or,

that all may have a-bun-dant life in ev-'ry earth-ly na-tion.
 that all may have a-bun-dant life in one-ness with their neigh-ber.
 that all may have a-bun-dant life and peace en-dure for-ev-er.

WORDS: Ruth Duck, 1984, 1989
 MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1869, alt.

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING
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Weave

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Chords: Eb Gm Fm Eb Fm Eb

Weave, weave, weave us to- geth- er. Weave us to- geth - er in

Chords: Fm Bb Eb Gm Fm Eb

u- ni- ty and love. Weave, weave, weave us to - geth- er.

Chords: Fm Eb Bb Eb Ab Eb

Weave us to - geth - er, to - geth- er in love.

WORDS and MUSIC: Rosemary Crow, 1979

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Ministers:	All Friends and Members of Hiram Christian Church
Special Musician:	The Children's Chime Choir led by Nancy Schauer
Organist:	Drew Hinkle
Reverend:	Chris McCreight

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

4C's Needs: For April—canned Sloppy Joes, instant mashed potatoes, pancake syrup. Please remember to check any expiration dates before donating! Monetary donations can be sent to: The 4C's, P.O. Box 227, Mantua, OH 44255

Nelson Garretttsville Comm. Cupboard: 8233 Park Ave, Garretttsville, OH 44231

++ Stewardship: If you would like to make a gift to the church via credit/debit card, you can follow the link to our website below.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Sun. Apr. 14: **9:45am Adult Elective in Fireside Room**

11:00am Worship

Team Leaders Meeting after worship

12:30-2pm Chi Rho

Tue. Apr. 16: **7:00-9am Community Breakfast**

9:00am Bible Study in Rev. Chris' office

8:00pm AA

Sun. Apr. 21: **9:45am Adult Elective in Fireside Room**

11:00am Worship

Mon. Apr. 22: **5:30pm Open & Affirming Gathering**

STAFF CONTACT & AVAILABILITY:

Rev. Chris McCreight at Chris@HiramChristianChurch.org or 330-977-7834

Organist Drew Hinkle at Drew@HiramChristianChurch.org

Office Administrator Lisa Wright at Secretary@HiramChristianChurch.org

Church office hours: Mon. 9:30-12:30pm; Tue. & Wed. 9:30-3:30pm.

Key: **in Admin. bldg.;** **in the Hall;** **an in-person event;** **hybrid event.**

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