

# COLEBROOK UNITED CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Earth Sunday – Earth Day

April 22, 2018

10:00 AM.

## We Gather

Welcome

We are a caring, serving community,  
faithfully journeying and trusting in the mystery that is God,  
seeking joy, peace and justice for all.



Call To Worship: Adapted from Suzanne Edgar, Indian Head, Sask.

One: The sun rises without fail, bringing a new day to Earth,

**All: and we rise to embrace such a gift.**

One: Sunflowers, mountain ash trees, purple asters and potted  
petunias stretch and wave in the breeze,

**All: singing praise with bold colour, dancing leaves, and  
wonderful fragrance.**

One: We join them and praise the Creator with our whole being,  
singing "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker".

Gathering Hymn: *It's a Song of Praise to the Maker* MV 30

Life and Work of the Congregation

Lighting of Christ Candle:

One: As we light the Christ candle, we boldly proclaim:

**All: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does  
not overcome it.**

One: In the midst of hopelessness, we open ourselves to  
embrace hope;

**All: for the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness  
does not overcome it.**

One: In the face of death, we open ourselves to embrace life;

**All: for the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness  
does not overcome it.**

Centering Hymn: *Peace Is Flowing Like a River*

Acknowledgement of First Nation Territories

Prayer of Confession: Adapted from Chris Polhill

**We are sorry, Lord, that just by living without thought  
we pollute the air, poison the waters, and damage the land.**

**We are sorry, Lord.**

**For we are connected, whether we recognize it or not,  
to all of creation; to all that you made;**

**from ant to mountain, we are connected.**

**Holy Spirit, heal and restore us,**

**that we may live gently on earth,**

**and all creation praise you, the Living God,**

**Earth Maker, Pain Bearer and Life Giver. Amen**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## We Proclaim

Learning Together:

Song: *Like a Rock* MV 92

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23 (Inclusive Bible)

Reflection:

Hymn: *God of the Sparrow* VU 229

Minutes for Mission

Presenting our Gifts and Offerings:

Offertory

Our Sung Response: *Doxology* VU 541

A Time of Prayer:

Joys and Concerns

Song of Preparation – *And When You Call for Me* MV 96

Prayers of the People

Sung Response: Lord's Prayer VU 959



