

Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE

GREETING and WELCOME

The grace of God be with you all
And also with you!

Let us worship God

TIME FOR CENTERING *God Gives Hope: In Troubled Times*

*CALL to WORSHIP Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

You make me lie down in green pastures and lead me beside still waters.

You revive my soul and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

*OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN #473 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Lighting of the Peace Candle

*"In peace be your coming—angels of peace, angels of heaven—
from the King who is king of all kings, the Holy One, blessed be He;"*

~ Peace Be Upon You by Anonymous, translated by Peter Cole

INVITATION and PRAYER of CONFESSION

O God, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen:

You place us in your creation, and you command us to care for it.

Your works declare glory and splendor, and you call us to praise and reverence. Where we have degraded or destroyed earth's bounty, forgive us. Where we have taken beauty and majesty for granted, have mercy upon us. Where we have become estranged from the creatures with whom we share this planet, grant us your peace.

Renew us in the waters of baptism, refresh us with the winds of your spirit, and sustain us with the bread of life.

~ Moment of Silent Prayer ~

(For the sake of the new creation) ... In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

*HYMN #579 "Gloria Patri"

*PASSING of the PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*GATHERING HYMN # 256 "Let the Whole Creation Cry"

Proclamation of God's Word

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12
Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24
Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

Sermon Series: God Gives Hope

"In Troubled Times" Andrea J Holroyd

Psalm 23 – The Lord is my Shepherd on this Living Planet

*HYMN #172 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"
(Collection of Prayer Request Cards by Ushers)

Response to God's Word

STATEMENT OF FAITH from A Brief Statement of Faith
see insert

THE OFFERING

Offertory

*The Doxology

Hymnal # 592

*Prayer Of Dedication

EARTH DAY BLESSING

Dedication of the trees

PRAYERS of THANKSGIVING and INTERCESSION

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Go With God

*CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN UMH #144 "This is My Father's World" *Insert*

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Rise in body and/or spirit.



April 15: HOPE
for New Beginnings

April 22: HOPE
in Troubled Times



April 29: HOPE
for the Future

May 6: HOPE
for the World

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Worship Service 10:30 AM

Earth Day ~ April 22 2018

Announcements

Welcome! To anyone who may be visiting with us this morning, we are delighted that you are here to participate in worshipping God with us. May you find yourself at home among Friends in Christ. Tell us more about yourself using the “About You” form located in each pew and offer it to the Usher during the collection of Prayer Requests. “Like-Us” on Facebook for updates and Church information. **Visit our website: schohariepresbyterian.org**

Please join us for coffee & fellowship following the service this morning in the Christian Education building.

Deacons Meeting Planned: The next Deacons Meeting is scheduled for May 2nd in the CE Building at 6:00 PM.

You’re invited: The Schoharie Bell Ringers and the Middleburgh Ecumenical Bell Choir invite you to a Concert on **May 6, 2018 at 3:00 PM** at the Middleburgh Reformed Church Fellowship Hall, River St. Middleburgh.

Looking Ahead: The Wiawaka Women are planning an Auction. May 26th from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM. More Information to follow.

Schoharie Community Christian Camp – is scheduled for July 16-20th, 2018. This is a great opportunity to share God’s Love with the Youth. Think about volunteering. More information to follow.

Schoharie Christian After School Program - Program runs weekdays Mon. through Fri. Please call the office 518 295-8931 if you want to help.

Church Office hours are from Tuesday – Friday 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM should you need to contact Parish Leader Andrea or Linda B. 518 - 295 8931. You may email the church office at SUPC09@yahoo.com.

A Time to Celebrate: Happy birthday in April to:....

Charles Wright	April 1st	Alice Ostrander	April 3rd
Natalie Weldon	April 4 th	Richard Herrick Sr.	April 11th
Eliza Eddy	April 12 th	Gene Amedio	April 20 th
Lorraine Bogardus	April 27 th	Harriet Cornwell	April 27 th

I need your help! ~ Do you know of someone in need of Pastoral Care? Please share Pastoral Care needs in the comments section on the back of the “**About You**” slip to be handed in with the Prayer Requests.

Intercessory Prayer List: Do you have something you're praying about this week? Let us pray with you. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, thank you for being with us, especially when we are going through difficult times. As we come together on this Fourth Sunday of Eastertide be ever present in our lives. Help us to listen for your voice and follow you as sheep of your flock. Let us be mindful of your presence in our every day. This morning we ask that you be present in the life of **Patricia Hoyer** who is recovering from recent surgery. Give her your comfort, strength and healing. We ask this morning that your hand of comfort will be on all others who are suffering from poor health and need to feel your presence. Continue to be with our shut-ins and their caregivers. Be with all those who mourn. As we prepare for a springtime that is slow in coming Lord, give us the hope of the sunshine and the song of the birds to remind us of your goodness. Now, may God’s kindness and love be with each of us each day of our lives, and may we live forever with the Lord. Amen

Mealtime Prayer: Jesus, our Good Shepherd, thank you for feeding us, protecting us, and loving us. May we always listen to you and follow you. Amen.

Have A Great Week !!

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,

Everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

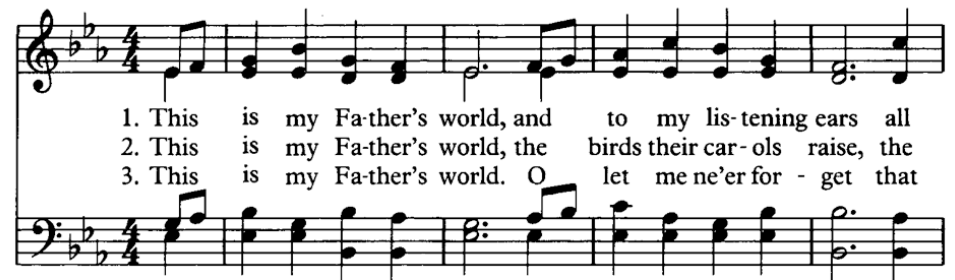
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

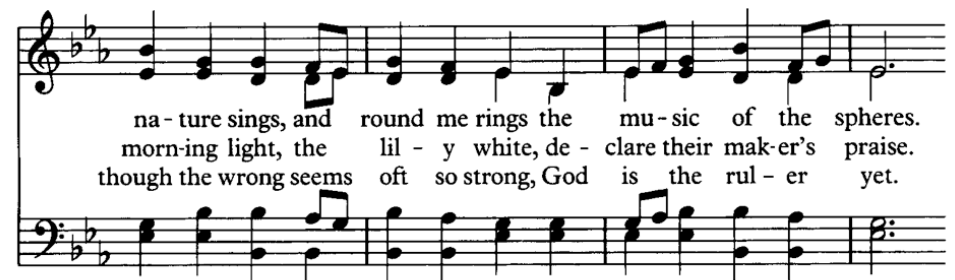
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

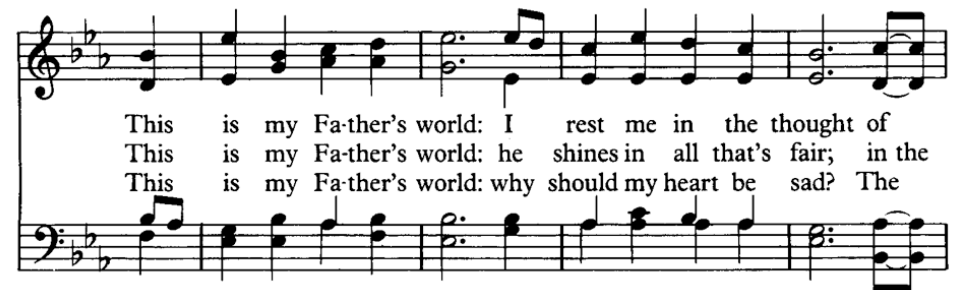
This Is My Father's World



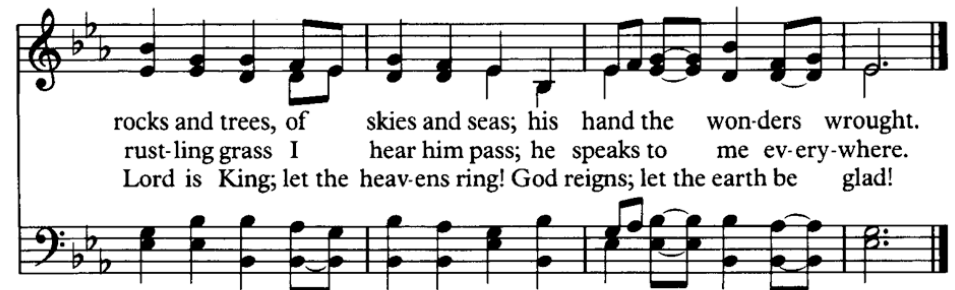
1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears all
2. This is my Fa-ther's world, the birds their car-ols raise, the
3. This is my Fa-ther's world. O let me ne'er for - get that



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
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 of
This is my Fa-ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the
This is my Fa-ther's world: why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
rust-ling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-ery-where.
Lord is King; let the heav-ens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!