

First Mennonite Church of Richmond

WORSHIP SERVICE

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WELCOME AS GOD'S CHILDREN

Worship Leader	Kevin Smeltzer
Music Leader	Don Oswald
Prelude	Don Oswald

GATHERING

Call to Worship	
Hymn "I sing the mighty power of God"	HWB 46
Hymn "Morning has broken"	HWB 648

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

Responsive Reading: Psalm 104 inspired Litany	Opposite
Welcome those near you to "Worship & Rejoice Together"	
Hymn "Let all creation dance"	SS 122
Children's Story	
Scripture	Genesis 1:26-27, 31; 2:15
Sermon "Stewardship of the Earth: So we have a future"	Pastor Ryan Ahlgrim

Silent Reflection

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn "God, who stretched"	HWB 414
Sharing of Joys & Concerns	Pastor Ryan Ahlgrim
Pastoral Prayer	
Offering (with Penny Power)	
Offertory	Don Oswald

SENDING

Sending Song "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee"	HWB 71
Benediction	

Scripture Litany

(Inspired by Psalm 104:1, 5-15, 24, 27-28, 31)

Instructions: Leader reads the light print, **All: the bold print**

Praise the Lord!

O Lord my God, how great you are! You placed the world on its foundation so it would never be moved.

You clothed the earth with floods of water
-water that covered even the mountains.

At your command, the water fled; at the sound of your thunder, it hurried away.

Mountains rose and valleys sank to the levels you decreed.

Then you set a firm boundary for the seas, so they would never again cover the earth.

You make springs pour water into the ravines
so streams gush down from the mountains.

They provide water for all the animals,
even the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

The birds nest beside the streams and sing among the branches of the trees.

You send rain on the mountains from your heavenly home and you fill the earth with the fruit of your labor.

You cause grass to grow for the livestock and plants for people to use.

You allow them to produce food from the earth, wine to make them glad,
olive oil to soothe their skin,
and bread to give them strength.

O Lord, what a variety of things you have made! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your creatures. They all depend on you to give them food as they need it.

When you supply it, they gather it. You open your hand to feed them, and they are richly satisfied.

May the glory of the Lord continue forever!

May the Lord take pleasure in all he has made!