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Words of Welcome

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

**THE GATHERING** – We Enter into God's Presence

Sharing Christ's Peace

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Gathering in the Light

Prelude to Worship

"Sunflowers and Wheatfields" by Catherine Rollin

Kira Embree, piano

\*Invitation to Worship

Sue Elliott

*one: Welcome beloved creature to this sacred space.*

*all: **We come to give thanks for the Earth, our sacred gift.***

*one: Make yourself at home, settle into your place in Creation.*

*all: **We feel the earth beneath us. We are on holy ground.***

*one: We come to give thanks and to be reinvigorated for the work of tending.*

*all: **And to be reminded of our role as part of Creation.***

*one: We come to remember the world and everything in it is holy.*

*all: **Yet the world and everything in it is at risk of an empty future.***

*one: O Maker of all, restore us to our role as caretakers.*

*all: **May we be the holy earth-keepers you need us to be.***

\*Opening Hymn

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

Chalice Hymnal #687

Invocation

Jan Eilert

Prayer Response

"Creative God, You Spread the Earth"

Chalice Hymnal #697

**THE WORD** – We Receive God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

"Be Still"

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Scripture	Isaiah 24:4-6 (Common English Bible)	Jan Eilert
Scripture	Romans 8:12-19 (Common English Bible)	Jan Eilert
Scripture	John 6:3-13 (Common English Bible)	Jan Eilert
Sermon	“Holy Responsibility – Claiming Our Call to Tend the Earth” Rev. Laura Ann Phillips	
Special Music	“Tend the Ground” by Curtis Stephan	Steve Glasscock

### **THE RESPONSE – We Respond in Worship**

Prayers of the People Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Our 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Response in Song “Touch the Earth Lightly” Chalice Hymnal #693

Invitation to Stewardship Sue Elliott

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\*Doxology “Shout to the North” Chalice Praise #40

Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to Communion Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Communion Response “Here Is Bread” Chalice Praise #161; vv 1 & 3

### **SENDING FORTH – We Go Out into the World**

Invitation to Discipleship Sue Elliott

\*Closing Hymn “The Climate Is Changing”

\*Blessing and Benediction Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

\*Postlude “Toccatina, Op. 27, No. 12” by Dmitry Kabalevsky Kira Embree, piano

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