



North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church



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A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
February 21, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

One: From water to wilderness:
Many: **God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.**
One: On stone and in hearts:
Many: **God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.**
One: From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:
Many: **God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.**
One: We follow Jesus on the Lenten path.
All: **For where he is, we would be also.**

***Hymn (#713)**

Touch the Earth Lightly

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

God of mercy,

We begin this Lenten season in confession.

We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own.

We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice,
and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others.

Forgive us, we pray,

when we are tempted to follow paths
other than those you set before us.

Teach us your commandments;

help us to turn from evil in its many guises,
and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near.

In covenantal love, remember us, we pray,

and be for us, once more and always, an ark of safety and new life.
In Christ's name we pray.

***Silence for Personal Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

Sharing Faith with God's Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson **Genesis 9:8-17**
(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)

Sermon **With Every Living Creature** Rev. R.C. Griffin

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH

Special Music

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

***Please rise, in body or spirit.**

713 Touch the Earth Lightly

Capo 3: (G) (Dsus) (D) (Em) (Bsus) (Bm)
 B^b Fsus F Gm Dsus Dm

1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
 2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
 3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
 4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,

(C) (D7) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
 E^b F7 B^b Cm7 Fsus F

nour - ish the life of the world in our care:
 a - - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
 wa - ter that bless - es and air that is sweet,
 God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,

(G) (Dsus) (D) (Em) (Bsus) (Bm)
 B^b Fsus F Gm Dsus Dm

gift of great won - der, ours to - sur - ren - der,
 we who would fos - ter clouds of di - sas - ter,
 health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
 teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,

(C) (G) (Em) (Am7) (D) (G) (G)
 E^b B^b Gm Cm7 F B^b B^b

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trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
 re - gen - er a - tion that peace will com - plete.
 us - ing us gent - ly and mak - ing us one.

An Australian aboriginal saying opens this gentle hymn from New Zealand on the stewardship of creation. "Clouds of disaster" in the second stanza refers to the testing of nuclear devices then occurring in the Pacific Ocean, but the concern for all created things is timeless.