

April 25, 2021

A Renewed Earth

Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

[Link for Live Worship Service](#) (Zoom)

ENTERING

Lighting of Candles

Singing Together* **#1020 Woyaya**

#1024 When the Spirit Says Do

Welcome –Trey Greene, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude *Blue Skies*

Calling To Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn* **#59 Almond Trees, Renewed in Bloom**

Choir Anthem **Garbage** 1st UU Zoom Choir

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation **Mahk Jchi**

Reading

Response **#123 Spirit of Life**

Message

RETURNING

Offering **Circle of Life** from The Lion King

Closing Hymn* **#163 For the Earth Forever Turning**

Recessional **I Can See Clearly Now**

Congregation is invited to online conversation after the recessional

(* indicates times to rise in body or spirit)

Today's Music

Prelude: *Blue Skies*
Irving Berlin

Musical Meditation: *Mahk Jchi*
Music by Robbie Robertson for Native American Text:

*Our hearts are full, our minds are good
Ancestors come. They give us great strength
They tell us to stand tall, sing, and dance
Never forget who you are and where you come from.*

Choir Anthem: *Garbage*
words and music by Bill Steele, arr. Michael Holmes

Offertory: *Circle of Life* from The Lion King
Words by Tim Rice, music by Elton John

Recessional: *I Can See Clearly Now*
Johnny Nash

Sing Along #1: Woyaya #1020
words & music by Loughy Amoa,
Solomon Amarfio, Robert Bailey, Roy
Bedeau, Francis Osei, Whendell
Richardson, and Mac Tontoh

We are going,
heaven knows where we are going
but we know within.
And we will get there,
heaven knows how we will get there,
but we know we will.

It will be hard, we know,
and the road will be muddy and rough,
but we'll get there,
heaven knows how we will get there,
but we know we will
Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya

We are going,
heaven knows where we are going
but we know within
And we will get there,
heaven knows how we will get there,
but we know we will.
Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya
Woyaya yiyaya Woyaya yiyaya
Woyaya yiyaya Woyaya yiyaya Ya!

Sing Along #2: When the Spirit Says Do #1024
African-American Spiritual from the Civil rights period

1. You gotta **do** when the spirit says **do**!

You gotta **do** when the spirit says **do**!

When the spirit says **do**, you got to **do**, Oh Lord

You got to **do** when the spirit says **do**!

Spirit says **do**! Spirit says **do**!

Spirit says **do**! Spirit says **do**!

Spirit says **do**! Spirit says **do**!

2. You gotta **sing** when the spirit says **sing**!

You gotta **sing** when the spirit says **sing**!

When the spirit says **sing**, you got to **sing**, Oh Lord

You got to **sing** when the spirit says **sing**!

Spirit says **sing**! Spirit says **sing**!

Spirit says **sing**! Spirit says **sing**!

Spirit says **sing**! Spirit says **sing**!

3. You gotta **dance** when the spirit says **dance**!

You gotta **dance** when the spirit says **dance**!

When the spirit says **dance**, you got to **dance**, Oh Lord

You got to **dance** when the spirit says **dance**!

Spirit says **dance**! Spirit says **dance**!

Spirit says **dance**! Spirit says **dance**!

Spirit says **dance**! Spirit says **dance**!

4. You gotta **laugh** when the spirit says **laugh!**
You gotta **laugh** when the spirit says **laugh!**
When the spirit says **laugh**, you got to **laugh**, Oh Lord
You got to **laugh** when the spirit says **laugh!**
Spirit says **laugh!** Spirit says **laugh!**
Spirit says **laugh!** Spirit says **laugh!**
Spirit says **laugh!** Spirit says **laugh!**

5. You gotta **shout** when the spirit says **shout!**
You gotta **shout** when the spirit says **shout!**
When the spirit says **shout**, you got to **shout**, Oh Lord
You got to **shout** when the spirit says **shout!**
Spirit says **shout!** Spirit says **shout!**
Spirit says **shout!** Spirit says **shout!**
Spirit says **shout!** Spirit says **shout!**

6. You gotta **do** when the spirit says **do!**
You gotta **do** when the spirit says **do!**
When the spirit says **do**, you got to **do**, Oh Lord
You got to **do** when the spirit says **do!**
Spirit says **do!** Spirit says **do!**
Spirit says **do!** Spirit says **do!**
Spirit says **do!** Spirit says **do!**

Opening Hymn: Almond Trees, Renewed in Bloom #59

Words by Fred Kaan, music by Nguyen-Duc Quang

1. Almond trees, renewed in bloom,
do they not proclaim
life returning year by year,
love that will remain?
Almond blossom, sign of life
in the face of pain,
raises hope in people's hearts:
spring has come again.

2. War destroys a thousandfold,
hatred scars the earth,
but the day when almonds bloom
is a time of birth.
Friends, give thanks for almond blooms
swaying in the wind:
token that the gift of life
Triumphs in the end.

Spirit of Life #123

words and music by Carolyn McDade

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

***Closing Hymn: For the Earth Forever Turning
#163***

words & music by Kim Oler, arr. Nick Page

1. For the earth forever turning;
for the skies, for ev'ry sea;
for our lives, for all we cherish,
sing we our joyful song of peace.

2. For the mountains, hills, and pastures
in their silent majesty;
for the stars, for all the heavens,
sing we our joyful song of peace.

3. For the sun, for rain and thunder,
for the seasons' harmony,
for our lives, for all creation,
sing we our joyful praise to Thee.

4. For the world we raise our voices,
for the home that gives us birth;
in our joy we sing returning home
to our bluegreen hills of earth.