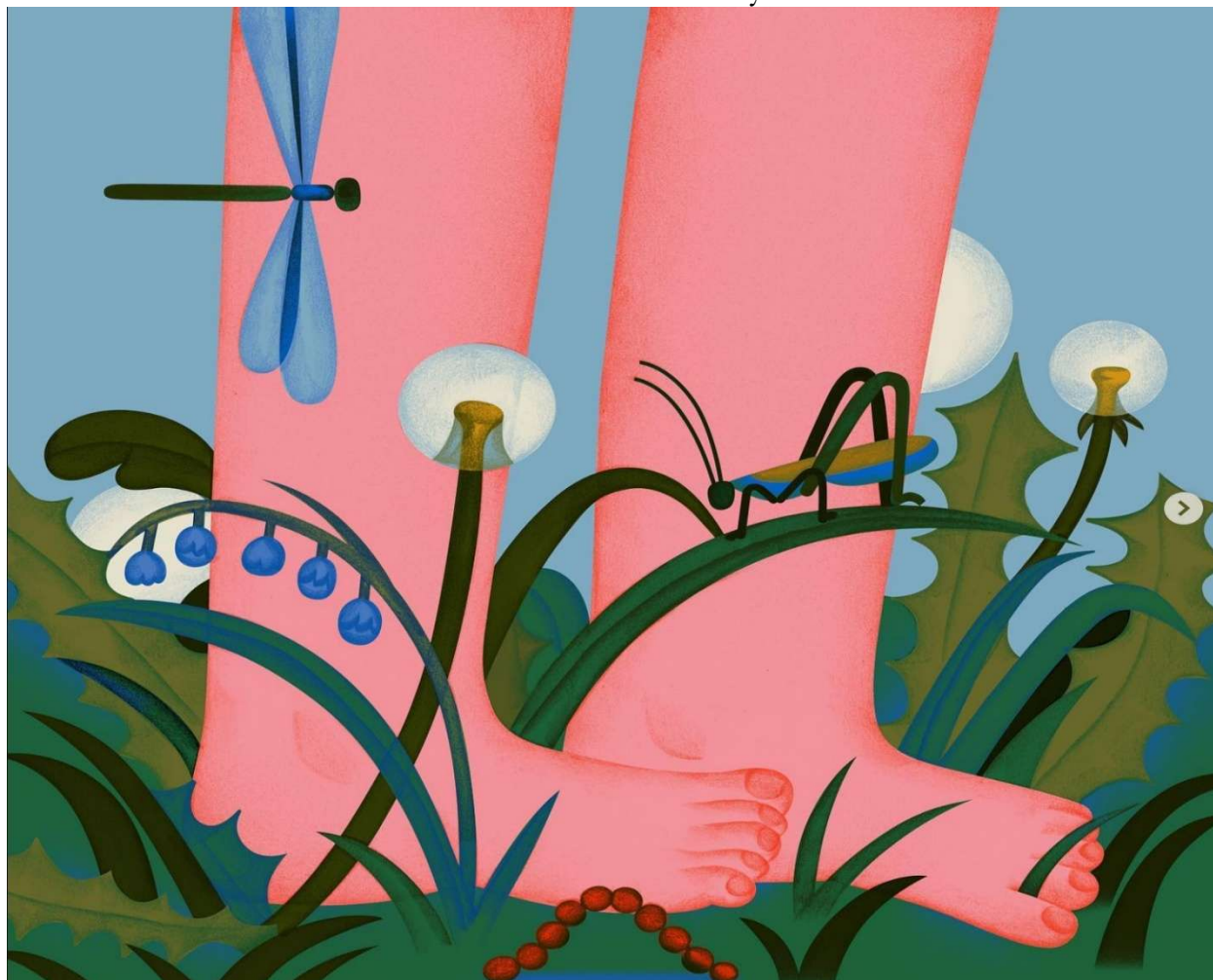




Fredonia Presbyterian Church
April 26, 2026
Earth Care Sunday



Tania Yakunova's "Do you see a cage or a greenhouse?"

Prepare for Worship

Welcome to worship, where God gathers us in the name of love. At FPC, we hope to be challenged by Scripture, comforted by community, and energized by service. If you're new here or it's been a while, we're glad you walked in today. For more, check out the bulletin insert. All people: toddlers, teenagers, Gen Xers, Boomers and beyond, LGBTQIA+ folk, conservative or liberal people, and those with differing abilities and mental health—all—are cherished and affirmed here.

Catch up with one another as you come in! When the **chiming of the hour** sounds, please keep the silence as we prepare for worship.

Reformed worship centers around the Word, both the Word of scripture and Christ as the Word incarnate. Worship, then, is our communal and individual response to the Word.

Bold text is read by the congregation in one voice.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Confession isn't to prove you're pious. It's to help rebuild connections between you and God, you and yourself, you and others, and us and the world.

Gather

- Lily Li

PRELUDE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Use this moment of silence to gather your heart and mind as we prepare for worship.

BLESSING OF THE MEMORIAL GARDEN

- Rev. Holly & Lisa Schultz

Gathered outside, let us bless this holy ground

One: We begin here, among soil and memory, where life has been planted and tended.

All: We come to bless what God has already called good.

One: For the earth beneath our feet, rich with nourishment and possibility—

All: We give thanks.

One: For seeds that break open, for roots that reach down, for shoots that stretch toward light—

All: We give thanks.

One: For those remembered in this garden, whose lives are now folded into the life of the earth—

All: We give thanks.

One: Jesus tells us: consider the lilies, how they grow.

All: We come to consider, to notice, to trust.

One: God of all creation, bless this garden that it may be a place of beauty, refuge, and renewal.

All: And bless us, that we may tend the earth as kin, not as owners. Let us worship!

HYMN NO. 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

As we sing, you're invited to place your plaque or simply give thanks. As we sing, we will move inside together.

*HYMN NO. 22 *God of the Sparrow*

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

In lieu of passing the plates, please use this time to consider your gift to the church.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, you have given us a world that blooms without our striving and provides beyond our deserving. Receive these gifts we offer today as participation in your care for the earth and all who dwell within it. Use what we give to cultivate justice, to nourish the hungry, to restore what has been harmed, and to remind your people that we belong to one another and to this good creation. In Christ, who teaches us to trust your provision, we pray. Amen.

HYMN NO. 606 DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heaven-ly host; *praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. **Or Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost*

Scripture: Our pastor (usually) follows the Revised Common Lectionary, an ecumenical, Biblical reading program. This helps the Holy Spirit move into places we might otherwise miss.

Our Choir: Anyone can join the choir. They practice Sunday mornings at 9:30. Just show up!

The Lord's Prayer: We use "debts and debtors" in the Lord's Prayer. If you're more comfortable with the "trespass" language, please use it. Or if this prayer is meaningful to you in a different language, pray it that way. We all get to "Amen" together.

Communion: Served on 1st Sundays. Anyone, regardless of age or membership, is invited to partake. We use non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten free bread is available with its own cup. If you're nervous, just ask someone. You can't mess this up (although sometimes, we do make a mess and that's okay too!)

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION
(You are invited to share your wrongdoings and sorrows with God).

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of abundance, you have given us a world of beauty and balance, and still we live as though there is not enough. We worry and hoard, we consume without noticing the earth's cost, we take more than we need and call it security. We confess that we have not considered the lilies, we have not trusted your provision, nor honored the wisdom of creation. Forgive us. Re-teach us how to live with open hands. Restore in us a sense of wonder, restraint, and responsibility, that we may seek your kin-dom and its justice not only for ourselves, but for all living things. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
One: We are forgiven, healed, and made whole. May all God's people say,
All: Amen

SUNG RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON
HYMN No. 626 *As the Deer*

Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
HEBREW TEXT: GENESIS 1:24-26

CHORAL ANTHEM

FOOD ROUND UP: HYMN NO. 188 *Jesus Loves Me*

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 6:25-34
One: The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

SERMON - Rev. Holly

MUSICAL REFLECTION - Lily Li

PRAYERS OF LAMENT FOR CREATION & THE FIRST NATIONS TRANSLATION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

O Great Spirit, our Father from above, we honor your name as sacred and holy. Bring your good road to us, where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world above is reflected in the earth below. Provide for us day by day—the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon. The corn, the squash, and the wild rice. All the things we need for each day. Release us from the things we have done wrong, in the same way we release others for the things done wrong to us. Guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from your good road, and set us free from the evil one and his worthless ways. Aho! May it be so!

Offering: Giving does not buy you God's love—that is free. Giving simply helps keep our heat on, our ministries going, and our staff, paid.

An offering plate is found at the front of the sanctuary. You may also mail, Venmo, or PayPal a donation.

We affirm our faith together because as diverse as we are, as differently as we vote, as many interests as we have, we have these beliefs that we share.

Benediction is a fancy word for blessing.

Worship Notes
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EARTH CARE PLEDGE

God calls us to be careful, humble stewards of this earth, and to protect and restore it for its own sake, and for the future use and enjoyment of the human family. As God offers all people the special gift of peace through Jesus Christ, and through Christ reconciles all to God, we are called to deal justly with one another and the earth.

We will worship God by celebrating the beauty and grace of the earth, and we will live as disciples who cherish, protect, and restore it.

We will seek to learn and to teach, growing in understanding of the harm done to creation and in courage to take part in its healing.

We will care for what has been entrusted to us—our buildings, our land, our resources—using them wisely, sharing them freely, so that all life may flourish for generations to come.

And we will reach beyond ourselves, working for justice in our communities and our world, so that both the earth and all people may be restored and renewed. With God's help, may we live it!

*HYMN NO. 80 *The Trees of the Field*

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Go now in peace, go now in peace, May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

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Parish Associate, The Rev. Zoe Milliman

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Admin. Response Team: Rey Spangler,
Matthew Carman, Betsy White

Deacons of the Month for April
Sandy Johnson and Jenn O'Boyle

ALL ARE WELCOME to a time of fellowship from 11:30-12:15 after the service today in the Fellowship Hall.

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