

**April 24, 2016**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**Earth Day**

**Prelude:** Introduction and Toccata William Walond

**Chiming of the Hour**

**\*Hymn:** #66 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

**Welcome**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Choral Introit:** *On Holy Ground*

**Call to Worship**

One: This is the day that God has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**Many: We come as God's beloved people, aware of the gifts that surround us, air and water, land and sky, day and night, beauty and simplicity.**

One: This is the Earth that God calls "good" - the creatures and everything that crawls, flies, breathes, sings, loves. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**Many: We come as God's beloved people, aware of the miraculous web of life that connects and sustains us, and like those before us we are awed and humbled.**

One: This is the moment that God has made. We are Standing on holy ground. Let us rejoice and be glad!

**Many: This is the day that God has made. Standing on holy ground, we rejoice and are glad!**

One: Come, let us worship God together!

**Prayer of Invocation (in unison)**

Spirit of Love, Spirit of Truth, Creator of this blessed universe, be with us this day to renew our faith, fill us with hope, and inspire us to be the difference we need to see in the world. We join our hearts and voices in

thanksgiving and praise for your limitless power, your boundless love, and your inexhaustible mercy. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

Gracious God, we confess that we have paid little mind to the world's own mysterious life. The scriptures teach that the Creation delights to sing in praise of Your goodness, and that it groans to You in pain with despairing pleas; but we have not let the earth render to You the worship it rejoices to give. Our dominion over it has proven punishing and harsh. Forgive our sins against Your Creation: our immodest violation of its beauty, and our selfish coveting of its bounty. Restore us to communion with land and sea and sky, that we would be, with all Your Creation, one holy, catholic Church, glorifying You, God Most High. Hear now our silent confessions as we seek your mercy, forgiveness and grace.

***Moment of silent prayer***

**Assurance of God's Love**

**Gloria Patri:** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**Responsive Reading – Psalm 148**

(Page 716 HS in the pew bible)

**Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures - Genesis 1:1-31**

(Page 1 HS in the pew bible)

**Children's Message and Lord's Prayer (debts)**

*(Children leave for Sunday School and Youth for Discussion Group)*

**Hymn:** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* (insert)

**Offering of our Gifts**

**Anthem:** *Spin the Wheel Toward Heaven* Pepper Choplin

**\*Doxology:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Gospel Reading – John 13:31-35**

(Page 132 NT in the pew bible)

**Sermon:** "Keep It In The Ground"

Reverend Diane Monti-Catania

**Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer**

**Response:** *On Holy Ground*

**\*Hymn:** *God, Creation Sings Your Praises* (insert)

**Benediction**

**Response:** *On Holy Ground*

**Postlude:** Fugue on the Kyrie Francois Couperin  
**(\*Please stand if able.)**

*Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship following worship. Our host today is the Music Committee.*

Our lay reader today is Chico Aller.

Our ushers today are Bob Weber and Kevin Wolgemuth.

*Prayer List*

*Rosie Bell, Nancy Tuckerman, Kit Kellog, Barbara Jacqueline, Gloria Buckley, Petie Robinson, Jeri Johnson, Nancy Smith.*

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today	11 am 271 <sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting
Monday	9-5 pm Hartford Seminary Class meeting in the Parish Hall Library 6 pm Salisbury Band Rehearsal in the Parish House
Tuesday	5:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	10:30 am Scoville Memorial Library's Toddler Story Time in the Parish House 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	8:30 am "Silent" Retreat 7 pm HousaTonics Rehearsal
Friday	10:30 am Berkshire Taconic Meeting in the Parish Hall Library

*Pastor Diane will be on vacation Tuesday-Saturday.  
For Pastoral Emergencies, please contact a Deacon.*

### OPPORTUNITIES

#### CALL TO THE 271<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

The 271<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Salisbury Congregational Church will be held today immediately following worship. All members are encouraged to attend.

#### ALL CHURCH RETREAT

Kathy Voldstad will lead the church in a Mindfulness Retreat at Silver Lake Conference Center on Saturday, May 21 from 9:00-2:00. Mark your calendar today!

#### PLEASE SIGN UP FOR COFFEE HOUR AND FLOWERS

Please consider hosting coffee hour or providing flowers for Worship. Sign up sheets are in the Parish Hall. Thank you!

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The Reverend Diane Monti-Catania, *Pastor*