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**Peace United Church of Christ  
The Third Sunday of Easter  
April 19, 2026**

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn            “For the Beauty of the Earth”**

For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,  
For the love, which from our birth Over and around us lies.  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour, Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon, and stars of light.  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise.

**Prayer of Praise and Adoration**

*Gracious and righteous are you, God, and merciful,  
opening our eyes and warming our hearts  
in the glorious light of resurrection!  
Help us to walk with Jesus, following his lead  
and embracing the life he offers.  
In the name of the Risen One, we pray. Amen*

**Scripture Readings**

I Peter 1: 17-23

## **Meditation**

### **Prayers of the People/The Prayer of Our Savior (debts and debtors)**

#### **Closing Song “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”**

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

#### **Benediction & Sending Forth**

