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The People of Washington Avenue Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
gather virtually for the

Worship of God

Wednesday, April 22, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Chiming of the Hour		Mr. Evan Collins
Greeting	Christ is risen... Christ is risen indeed!	Rev. Nathan A. Russell
Call to Worship	Lift up your hearts... We lift them to the Lord.	Rev. Russell
Prelude		Mr. Collins
Hymn	<i>The Earth is the Lord's</i>	ST. DENIO
Genesis 1:1-2:4	For poetry that points to truth beyond words... Thanks be to God!	Rev. Mary Hammond
Meditation	Custodians of Beauty	Rev. Russell
Discipline of Silence	"The organic model of the world is a fit one for twenty-first-century urban life: it suggests a context, a way of thinking, a construction within which to live, that underscores the beauty and intrinsic value of what is left of first nature as well as our inexorable dependence on it. It helps to situate human beings in an appropriate stance toward the world: a stance of gratitude and care, gratitude for the wonder of living on this beautiful planet (as the poet Rilke puts it, 'Being here is magnificent'), and care for its fragile, deteriorating creatures and systems. We do not own the earth—we do not even pay rent for it; it is given to us 'free' for our lifetime, with the proviso that we treat it with the honor it deserves: appreciating it as a reflection of the divine and loving it as our mother and our neighbor. --Sallie McFague, <i>A New Climate for Theology</i>	
Prayer		Rev. Steve Hammond
Hymn 417	<i>We Place upon Your Table, Lord</i>	WINCHESTER NEW
Reflection: Activity, Communion, Prayer, Offering		Rev. Russell
Benediction		Rev. Russell
Postlude		Mr. Collins