

The Eliot Church of Newton

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Creation Care Sunday

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Welcome guest! Here is a sample of a Sunday Order of Worship at Eliot Church, to give you a sense of the order of service and the music of our prayer life. We hope you can join us soon in person for our 10:00 am Sunday service.

Pastors Tony Kill & Karla Miller

Thought for Reflection

The essence of all pantheism, evolutionism and modern cosmic religion is really in this proposition: that Nature is our mother... The main point of Christianity was this: that Nature is not our mother. Nature is our sister. We can be proud of her beauty, since we have the same father, but she has no authority over us; we have to admire, but not to imitate. This gives to the typically Christian pleasure in this earth a strange touch of lightness that is almost frivolity... Nature is not solemn to Francis of Assisi or George Herbert. To St. Francis, nature is a sister, and even a younger sister: a little, dancing sister, to be laughed at as well as loved.

– G. K. Chesterton, Orthodoxy

Follow Saint Francis and Chesterton, and you won't sell your little sister, you will seek to enjoy her, cherish her, protect her, and encourage her to become all that she can be.

– Brian McLaren, The Green Bible



Order of Worship

Welcome! We're glad you're worshiping with us this morning. Please keep a spirit of quiet reflection in the sanctuary as we prepare for the Worship Service (and please remember to silence all cell phones).

Prelude Adagio, op. 16 C. Franck

Introit Praise the Lord, For He is Good arr. H. Davies

Greeting and Welcome

Call to Worship from Psalm 148

R: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
Praise God, all his angels; praise God, all his host!

C: *Praise God, sun and moon; praise, all you shining stars!*
Praise God, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

R: Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded and they were created.
God established them for ever and ever, and fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

C: *Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling God's command!*

R: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

C: *Let them praise the name of the Lord, for whose name alone is exalted;
God's glory is above earth and heaven.*

*** Hymn All Creatures of Our God and King**
Invocation

Confession of Sin

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

*O God, the only source of life and energy and wealth, help us defend our planet earth.
Forgive us our selfishness and neglect in the ways we have let the earth be ravished for
our own comfort. Teach us to conserve and not to squander the riches of nature, to use
aright the heritage of former generations, and to plan for the welfare of our children's
children. Renew our wonder, awaken our concern, and make us better stewards and
more careful tenants of the world you lend us as our home.*

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

*** Gloria**

The Life and Mission of the Church

The Sacrament of Baptism

Introduction

Promises

Question to the congregation:

Do you who are members of the Christian church now receive this child
into your love and care; do you offer to share the treasures of our church, and
to sponsor her, support her and pray for her in her future in the universal church,
that through the treasures of religious education, worship and guidance she may
learn God's Word and experience God's grace,
and her parents may be strengthened to fulfill their promises?
If so, please respond, "We do" (*"We Do"*)

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

Pastoral Prayer

A Time For Thanksgiving

Offering

We come to that time in the service where we take the financial offering. For those of you who are visiting, please feel no obligation to participate. This service is our gift to you. For those of you who consider Eliot your church home, we want to thank you for your financial support of our ministry.

Offertory Music
Doxology

Andante

Wely

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Dedication of Offering

* **Hymn** **For Beauty of Meadows**

* **Benediction**

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in A minor, BWV 559

J. S. Bach



**Thank you for reading the Order of Service
for this week's Worship Service.**

Please join us on any Sunday at 10:00 am.
No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here!