

# A WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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April 19, 2026

10:00 a.m.

## WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S NAME

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“This is My Father’s World”

Lani Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison

INTROIT

“Fairest Lord Jesus” Silesian Folk Melody/ Joseph A. Seiss

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** In the beginning, God breathed life into the dust, and we became living beings.

**People: We are made of earth and breath—formed by love, sustained by Spirit.**

**Leader:** The wind of God still moves over the waters, still stirs the trees, still fills our lungs.

**People: With every breath, we receive a sacred gift.**

**Leader:** The earth breathes around us—in forests, oceans, and open skies.

**People: We listen for the rhythm of creation, and we join its song.**

**Leader:** Come, let us worship the One who gives us breath.

**People: We breathe deeply of your Spirit and return our praise with grateful hearts.**

**\*HYMN**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

No. 14

**CALL TO RENEWAL** 1 John 1:9 (Liturgist Only)

“Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his neighbor is still in the darkness.” Let us confess our sins to God and to one another...

**PRAYER OF RENEWAL (In Unison)**

**Breath of Life, you formed us from the dust of the earth and filled us with your Spirit. Yet we confess that we have forgotten the sacredness of this gift. We have lived as though the air were ours to use rather than a grace to receive. We have taken more than we need, neglected the care of your creation, and contributed to a world where many struggle just to breathe. Forgive us, O Lord.**

**Breathe into us again—clear what is clouded within us, soften what has grown hard, and awaken us to our deep connection with you, with one another, and with the earth itself.**

**Teach us to live more gently, to walk more humbly, and to honor the breath in every living being.**

**May your Spirit move through us so that our lives become a healing presence and a restoring breath—for your world. In Christ’s name, Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION**

**GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Friends, believe the Gospel and be at peace.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen!**

**\*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 and amen.*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you. **And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY**

“Reflections”

David Paxton

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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

## WE LISTEN FOR CHRIST'S WORD

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Genesis 2:4-7

**RESPONSE**

May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart,  
be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. (Ps. 19:14)

**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

“The Breath of Life”

Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison

**SONG**

“Breathe”

Michael W. Smith

Vocalist: Linda Bonacorso

Piano: Rev. Adkison

**ANTHEM**

“Touch the Earth Lightly”

Shirley E. Murray/ Colin Gibson

## WE RESPOND TO CHRIST'S WORD

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN CHRIST'S NAME

**\*HYMN**

“God of the Fertile Fields”

No. 714

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

“Let All Things Now Living”

**POSTLUDE**

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

Dale Wood

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\*Please stand, if able

**SERVING TODAY**

**Ushers** – Dana Hallman & Karen Hunkele      **Coffee Hour** – Earth Care Committee

**PRAYER LIST**

Please pray for: Those affected by natural disasters and ongoing wars; Peter C. Jackson; Blanca Campbell and Jim Nina; Jill Tuttle Albiani; Jackie Tuttle; Barry and Benetta Taylor; Rev. John Moore; Jim Preston; Kathy Zarchin; Teri Brennan; Barbara Preston; Albert Cyr; Sharon Gibbs; Katherine Moore; For the peace and comfort for the family and friends of Carol Hallman Taplin, Andrew Ogar, Paul Surerus, and Linda Bonaccorso

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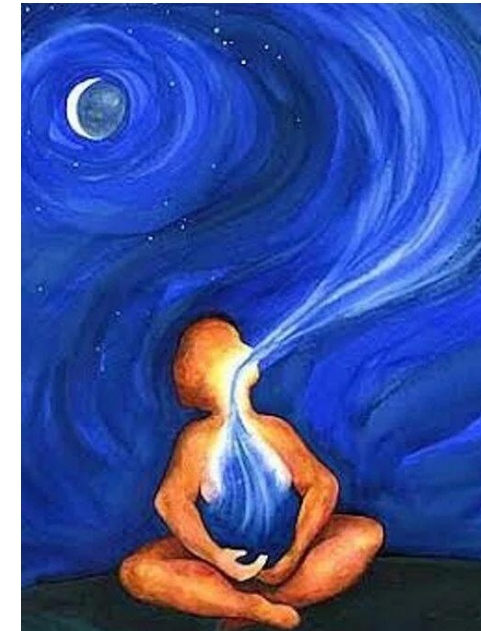
**This Week**

Apr. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Nutrition Program	7:00-1:00
Apr. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Food Pantry	4:00-6:00
Apr. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Earth Day</b> Meals on Wheels	7:00-11:00
Apr. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bible Study	10:00
Apr. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Nutrition Program Food Pantry	7:00-1:00 10:00-1:00

# Shelter Island Presbyterian Church

## Third Sunday of Easter / Earth Day Sunday

### April 19, 2026



**Shelter Island Presbyterian Church Mission Statement:**

“We envision the Shelter Island Presbyterian Church as a spiritual heart of our small island community -- a congregation that keeps its doors open to all and offers service and support to friends, neighbors, and visitors from beyond our shores. We will encourage the spiritual growth of our church's people in Jesus Christ through worship, service to others, stewardship, study and fellowship with one another. We will work to increase our spiritual engagement with youth, young families and our growing senior population. Inspired by God's Word, we look forward to our future with faith and confidence in God's purpose for us. AS WE BELIEVE, SO WE DO.”

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