

Gather

PRELUDE *Concerto in D Minor for Two Violins, No. 1 Vivace*
[Johann Sebastian Bach]

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dana Allen Walsh

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Sonata No. 4 in D Major, No.1 Adagio [George Frederick Handel]

CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 55:10-13)

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,

**Making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,**

So, shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,

**But it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.**

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,

And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;

Instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

***OPENING HYMN** *The Earth and All Who Dwell Therein*
(Red #176)

*OPENING PRAYER

Center

SCRIPTURE Psalm 24 Emily O'Hara

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in. Who is the King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O gates! ...and be lifted up, O ancient
doors! ...that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King
of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

SERMON The Earth Is the Lord's

The Rev. Dr. David L. VanArsdale

MEDITATION

Share

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

You are invited to share your prayer requests with the congregation; both joys and concerns, blessings and worries. If you are new, or feel new, we also invite you to introduce yourself. As a community, we seek to hold each other in the light of God's love.

A SONG OF PRAYER *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

**Hear our prayer, O Lord,
hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline your ear to us,
and grant us your peace.**

QUIET PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

Ellen VanArsdale

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.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS IN THANKSGIVING

INVITATION

Dana Allen Walsh

OFFERTORY *Concerto in A Minor, No.1 Larghetto e Spiritoso* [Antonio Vivaldi]

***DOXOLOGY** [#515 Blue]

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Emily O'Hara

***CLOSING HYMN** *Forward Through the Ages* (Blue #383)

Bless

***BENEDICTION**

David VanArsdale

***POSTLUDE** *Canon in D* [Johann Pachelbel]

Our Preacher today is Rev. Dr. David VanArsdale. Dave retired in 2013 after 41 years in ministry, which started with Ordination in Edwards U.C.C. in Framingham and concluded as Pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church in Sun City, AZ. Ellen and Dave have become a part of the South Church in Andover since moving two years ago since from Arizona to the Edgewood Retirement Community in North Andover. Ellen serves on the Music Committee and sings in the Choir and Dave is one our two new Senior Deacons.

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by the Memorial Flower Fund in memory of loved ones.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICES

Deacons: Emily O'Hara, Donna Kelley, Kath Mason /
Fellowship: Bacchi Family / **Flower Arranger:** Holly Jenkins / **Flower Deliverers:** Donna Kelley, Karen & Mark VanDoren / **Greeters:** Priscilla Bartle, Joanne Smith / **Sound:** Derek Holbrook / **Trustee:** Betsy Davis / **Ensemble:** Sally Lincoln-Vogel, violin; Julie Diehl, violin; Yanchen Zhan, violin; Rob Thomas, piano; Bob Lague, piano.

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

All Members are Ministers / Dana Allen Walsh, Senior Pastor / Alex Shea Will, Associate Pastor / Sherry Tupper, Minister of Visitation / Jennifer Murray, Minister of Youth & Families / Linda Francalancia Hacker, Administrator / Bob Lague, Interim Minister of Music / Joanne Smith, Financial Administrator / Nora Pelt, Communications Administrator / Wally Brousseau, Facilities Manager

* All who are able, please stand.