

# 661 Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

His Eye Is on the Sparrow



1 Why should I feel dis-cour-aged? Why should the shad-ows come?  
2 "Let not your heart be trou-bled," his ten-der word I hear,  
3 When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er clouds a-rise,



Why should my heart be lone-ly and long for heaven and home,  
and rest-ing on his good-ness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
when song gives place to sigh-ing, when hope with-in me dies,



when Je-sus is my por-tion? My con-stant friend is he:  
though by the path he lead-eth but one step I may see:  
I draw the clos-er to him; from care he sets me free:



his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me;



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I sing be-cause I'm hap-py, (I'm hap-py) I sing be-cause I'm free, (I'm free)



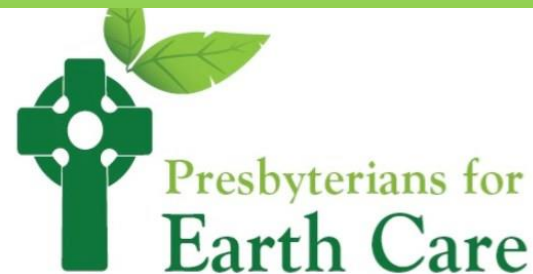
for his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.



## Welcome to Riverside Presbyterian Church

April 22, 2018 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

Ask an usher for audio hearing units. ~ Please silence your cell phones.  
Childcare is available for children 1st grade and younger in the upstairs childcare room.  
Sermons available at <https://vimeo.com/riversidepresbyterian>



CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME & SHARING OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE (Responsive)  
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

PRELUDE & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE  
*Adagio from Toccata & Fugue in C*

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)  
How wonderful are the works of God!  
**We give thanks and praise for the beauty of creation.**  
God made all living things, animals, plants, and humans,  
and calls us to care for and protect them all.  
**As people of faith, we strive to care for all of creation.**  
God equips and empowers us to live as good stewards.  
**Let us worship and praise God together!**

\* HYMN 268

*God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

**Almighty God, who has created and is creating, we look around at the beauty of this earth and are amazed by your works. Spectacular sunsets, cheerful birds singing, humorous and beloved pets are all reminders of the wonders of creation. For all of this, we give you thanks. Bind us together as a community that we might care for one another, building each other up in faith.**

**On this Earth day, O God, enliven in us a new energy to care for your creation. Teach us new ways reduce our waste and creative ways to reuse items. Empower us to be good stewards of this Earth that we love, and which you have entrusted to us. We pray all of this in Jesus' holy name. Amen**

\* HYMN

*In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

**In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

*Children are invited forward*

HYMN OF RESPONSE 302 (refrain)

*I Danced in the Morning*

**Dance, then wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance said He, and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23  
John 10:11-18

MEDITATION

*Creation Is Our Home*

\* HYMN 171

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

\* **STATEMENT FOR EARTH DAY**

"Canticle of the Sun" by St. Francis of Assisi (adapted)

**Most high, all powerful, all good Lord! All praise is Yours, all glory, all honor, and all blessing. Be praised, my Lord, through all Your creatures, especially through my lord Brother Sun, who brings the day; and You give light through him. And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendor! Of You, Most High, he bears the likeness. Be praised, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars; in the heavens You have made them bright, precious and beautiful. Be praised, my Lord, through our sister Mother Earth, who feeds us and rules us, and produces various fruits with colored flowers and herbs. Happy are those who endure in peace, for by You, Most High, they will be crowned.**

**WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

*Domine Fili Unigenite from Gloria*

Vivaldi

\* HYMN

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow with Alleluias*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.**

\* HYMN

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\* BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*March in C*

Purcell

\* *You are invited to stand if able.*