

## Bless us to live as you created:

Leader: Bless, O God,

**All: Our desire to live sustainably.**

Leader: Bless, O God,

**All: Our hope for all to see creation's beauty.**

Leader: Bless, O God,

**All: Our care for the environment**

Leader: Bless, O God,

**All: The small things we do for your world**

Leader: Bless around us, O God,

**All: Those who work to benefit your good Earth**

Leader: Bless around us, O God

**All: Those who find ways to live in harmony with creation.**

Leader: Bless us, O God

**All: That we may be whole and live as you created us to be.**

## Song: God's Counting on Me, God's Counting on you

(on separate sheet)

## Sustaining Blessing:

**Leader:** May the earth sustain your strength,  
may Christ sustain your love,  
may you sustain one another's joy:  
and may you live as a blessing  
to God, to the Earth and to humanity. Amen.

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# Climate Service (4)

## Welcome and Introduction

**Leader:** May God who established the dance of creation,  
who marvelled at the lilies of the field,  
who transforms chaos to order,  
lead us to transform our lives and the Church  
to reflect God's glory in creation.

## Hymn:

Creator God, abundant life your mark,  
you once poured speech into the formless dark  
and from those words sprang forth a living spark:  
your inspiration – awoke creation.

Throughout this world, in which we live and move,  
all that we sense below, around, above  
displays the imprint of your longing love:  
its revelation – throughout creation.

But yet the earth is fractured, frayed and torn,  
poisoned, polluted, ravaged, scarred and worn.  
Its treasures plundered and its beauties scorned:  
our transformation – of God's creation.

From blight and guilt, we cannot walk away.  
Our will and actions shape the world today  
and ours the greed, insisting on its way,  
whose depredations – despoil creation.

Come, Holy Spirit, challenge mind and heart!  
Inspire our living so that we will start  
to make those choices which may yet impart  
love's liberation – to your creation.

We pledge to touch all things with holy care  
until your coming Kingdom ends despair.  
Then all the world will witness and will share  
the jubilation – of healed creation.

**Reading: Isaiah 24**

## **Confession: God of Compassion, heal us:**

**Leader:** God of history and hope,  
we offer to your forgiving love the sins of our common past

A: The arrogance that took another's land.

B: The greed which plundered resources.

C: The national pride which diminished others.

*Silence in which to offer the sin in our personal history ...*

**Leader:** O God of compassion,

**ALL: Hear our sorrow and heal us.**

**Leader:** God of sacrifice and gift, we offer to your forgiving love  
the selfish materialism of our common life:

A: The economic system demanding spending & debt to sustain it.

B: The wasteful use of the gifts of your creation.

C: The desire for more that is never satisfied.

*Silence in which to offer the sin of our personal selfishness ....*

**Leader:** O God of compassion

**ALL: Hear our sorrow and heal us.**

**Leader:** God of heaven and earth, we offer to your forgiving love  
the damage we are doing to this planet:

A: The atmospheric changes caused by fossil fuels and chemical  
fumes.

B: The melting ice of sea and glacier that threatens flood and desert

C: The disappearing species lost through climate change.

*Silence in which to offer our personal struggle ...*

**Leader:** O God of compassion,

**ALL: Hear our sorrow and heal us.**

**Leader:** The Living God offers us the gifts of love and forgiveness,  
renews our hope and inspires our vision.

**ALL Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **All sing:**

We are not our own. Earth forms us,  
human leaves on nature's growing vine,  
fruit of many generations,  
seeds of life divine.

We are not alone. Earth names us:  
past and present, peoples near and far,  
family and friends and strangers  
show us who we are.

Through a human life God finds us;  
dying, living, love is fully known,  
and in bread and wine reminds us:  
we are not our own.

Therefore let us make thanksgiving,  
and with justice, willing and aware,  
give to earth, and all things living,  
liturgies of care.

## **Affirmation:**

Leader: With the whole church

**All: We affirm that we are made in God's image,  
befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.**

Leader: With people everywhere

**All: We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,  
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

Leader: With all creation

**All: We celebrate  
the miracle and wonder of life,  
the unfolding purposes of God,  
forever at work in ourselves and the world**

**Bible Reading:** Luke 24:24-35.

## **Sermon**

### **Intercessions:**

Between prayers we sing:

Oh Lord hear my prayer, Oh Lord hear my prayer,

Let my cry, come to you.

O Lord hear my prayer, Oh Lord hear my prayer

Come and listen to me.

# GOD'S COUNTING ON ME, GOD'S COUNTING ON YOU

## *Pete Seeger & Lorre Wyatt's album version*

Pete Seeger:	When we look and we see Things are not what they should be God's counting on me God's counting on you			Hoping we'll all pull through Hoping we'll all pull through Me and you
Seeger and chorus:	When we look and we see Things are not what they should be God's counting on me God's counting on you	Bruce Springsteen:		Now don't give up, don't give in Workin' together we all can win God's counting on me God's counting on you
Seeger and chorus:	Hoping we'll all pull through Hoping we'll all pull through Hoping we'll all pull through Me and you	Springsteen and chorus:		Don't give up, don't give in Workin' together we all can win God's counting on me God's counting on you
Bruce Springsteen:	It's time to turn things around Trickle up, not trickle down God's counting on me God's counting on you	All:		Hoping we'll all pull through Hoping we'll all pull through Hoping we'll all pull through Me and you
Springsteen and chorus:	It's time to turn things around Trickle up, not trickle down God's counting on me God's counting on you	Pete Seeger:		What we do now, you and me Will affect eternity God's counting on me God's counting on you
All:	Hoping we'll all pull through Hoping we'll all pull through Hoping we'll all pull through Me and you	Seeger and chorus:		What we do, you and me Will affect eternity God's counting on me God's counting on you
Lorre Wyatt:	And when drill, baby, drill Leads to spill, baby, spill God's counting on me God's counting on you	All:		Hoping we'll all pull through Hoping we'll all pull through Hoping we'll all pull through Me and you
Wyatt and chorus:	And when drill, baby, drill Leads to spill, baby, spill God's counting on me God's counting on you	Pete Seeger:		Hey, kids!
All:	Hoping we'll all pull through Hoping we'll all pull through Hoping we'll all pull through Me and you	Kids choir:		When we sing with younger folks We can never give up hope God's counting on me God's counting on you
Pete Seeger:	Yes, there's big problems to be solved Let's get everyone involved God's counting on me God's counting on you	Kids choir and Seeger:		
Seeger and chorus:	Yes, there's big problems to be solved Let's get everyone involved God's counting on me God's counting on you	Seeger, kids choir, and chorus:		When we sing with younger folks We can never give up hope God's counting on me God's counting on you
All:	Hoping we'll all pull through	All:		Hoping we'll all pull through Hoping we'll all pull through Hoping we'll all pull through Me and you
		Pete Seeger:		Singing again!
		All:		Hoping we'll all pull through Hoping we'll all pull through Hoping we'll all pull through Me and you