

Creation & Hope



St Aidan's Uniting Church
Season of Creation 2
10th September 2023

Call to Worship

“Owe nothing to any other except love...
for love is the fulfilment of the Law.”

**As we gather together,
we gather in love –
love of God and love of neighbour.**

In worship, we strengthen this love.
Let us worship God.

Prayers

God, our creator,
we come to you
acknowledging the times
when your hope for us
and our hopes for ourselves
have been different.

We know we have not loved you,
with all our hearts,
nor have we loved our neighbours,
nor your gift of creation.

**Teach us again to love
and to share that love with your world.**

We have misused your gift of creation
for our own ends
and so have damaged it
and this damage threatens to be
beyond repair.

**Teach us again to love
and to share that love with your world.**

Our actions and inaction in caring for our world
leave young people anxious and depressed
as they contemplate the world they will inherit.

Teach us again to love

and to share that love with your world.

Help us to respond once again,
not only through this Season of Creation,
but through our whole lives,
to hear your call
to work with you and all who care
so hope may be renewed
and creation have a future.

**Teach us again to love
and to share that love with your world.**

Amen.

Words of Assurance

“Love does no wrong to a neighbour;
therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.”

Our God of love is generous and forgiving
and will help us start again.

Know that you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Intercession

Loving God,
you walked this earth
in the shape of Jesus of Nazareth.
You saw the beauty of the earth,
experienced its terrible power,
and witnessed the way it shapes lives.

Today we pray particularly
for the young people in our community.
As they look towards their future,
may they know hope;
may they have a future
with a planet to sustain them;
and may they now see

the previous generations
working to make this happen.

We pray also for those
who support today's young people -
Especially chaplains, teachers, and parents
Amen

Benediction & Blessing

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we gather in love –
love of God and love of neighbour.**

In worship, we strengthen this love.
Now we go out and live our lives
sharing God's love.

And as you go may you always know,
the love of God surrounds you,
Christ, the companion, walks with you,
and the Spirit leads you in the dance of life.