

TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION



St Aidan's Uniting Church
Season of Creation 5
22nd September 2024

Call to Worship

The Nuyngar season of Djilba is giving way to Kambarang. The weather is warming, wattles are in bloom. Snakes and lizards awaken as the sun calls them back to activity. Baby birds sing for their parents to feed them and the Koolbardies swoop to keep their babies safe. It is a time of transformation. A time to make sure the long, hot summer can be survived.

**We also come to our time of transformation,
our time of being called back to life
for nurture and care,
and we come to grow.**

**Let us grow in our relationship
with each other,
with humanity,
and with our God.**

**Let us gather
and worship God.**

Prayers

Loving God,
as we come to the end
of this Season of Creation,
help us to carry our learning
and our reflections
for the rest of the year.

If we pack away this theme
and think that we are done,
**Loving God forgive us
and call us back to relationship
with our planet and with you.**

If we think that care of creation
is just something
for the young people of today,
**Loving God forgive us
and call us back to relationship
with our planet and with you.**

If we only care about creation

because what it means
for us and our families,
**Loving God forgive us
and call us back to relationship
with our planet and with you.**

If we forget about the little ones –
those in developing countries –
who are most impacted by climate change,
**Loving God forgive us
and call us back to relationship
with our planet and with you.**

If we think that you only care about humanity
and forget that the plants and animals
are also your creation,
**Loving God forgive us
and call us back to relationship
with our planet and with you.
Amen.**

Words of Assurance

God calls us,
and never gives up on us –
God keeps calling us back.

As surely as the wattle blooms in Kambarang,
God forgives us
and gives us a new beginning.

Know that you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Intercession

Creator God,
we bring our prayers for your beloved creation
and ask that you help us
to be part of your answer.

We pray for animals that are endangered,
those who are used and abused in the production of our food,
the animals threatened by warfare
and the animals whose environments are changing.

We pray for our plant-life
that is essential for all life on this planet,
especially as it gives oxygen to sustain us
and the cool shade in hot summers.

Christ, the Human One,
you walked this earth as one of us
and shared in the bountiful goodness
that this planet can give.

Help all humanity to have compassion,
not just for each other
but also for all forms of life
on this planet on which you have walked.

Spirit of life,
you breathe life into the world,
breathe fresh life into all movements
that would protect creation from destruction,
and create a future in which
all may flourish.
Amen.

Benediction & Blessing

Go out into this time of Kambarang,
and like the small animals growing into adults,
may you grow in faith and hope;
as the wattle and balga blossom,
may your life blossom into the fullness of life.