

TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION



St Aidan's Uniting Church
Season of Creation 2
8th September 2024

Call to Worship

In the hatching of baby birds,
we see the goodness of God.

In the blossoming of wildflowers,
we see the goodness of God.

In the warmth of spring sunshine,
we see the goodness of God.

**Let us give join together with creation
and worship God.**

Prayers

Loving God,
you have given us the gift of this earth,
with all its diversity,
the rich gifts from the soil,
and the goodness of our animal companions,
yet we have not lived in a way
that sustains this gift and have treated it
as if there is no tomorrow.

As we pray our confession,
take a moment to recall a specific time
when you could have shown more care
for this creation God has given us.

What happened?

How did you feel?

Who else did it affect?

How could you do it differently next time?

Offer it up to God,
and let us pray together:
**Loving God,
we offer our shortcomings,
help us to return to you –
change our hearts –
and help us to your care of creation.
Amen.**

Words of Assurance

God is love
and loves us
before we can begin to return it.
Know that you are forgiven:
Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Intercession

Creator God,
as we give thanks for the beauty of creation,
we also pray for creation
and that our children may have a future
that is not cut short
by environmental destruction.

We pray for the climate change scientists
who are modern-day prophets
calling society to change its ways
before it is too late,
and yet being ignored by people in power
and people who simply find the message inconvenient.

We pray for those who work with endangered species
looking to save species from extinction
and reminding us of the flow on effect
the loss of one species can have
on the wider environment.

We give thanks for those who use their talents
to find new ways of powering our society
so we can maintain our quality of life
and still reduce our carbon footprint.

We pray for all who hope and act for creation
looking to create a future
where the young people of today
have hope of a future tomorrow.

Amen.

Benediction & Blessing

Go out to enjoy the beauty of creation
and in all of creation,
find God's presence;
be challenged by what you see
to learn more about yourself
and more about God.

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 on the dance of life.