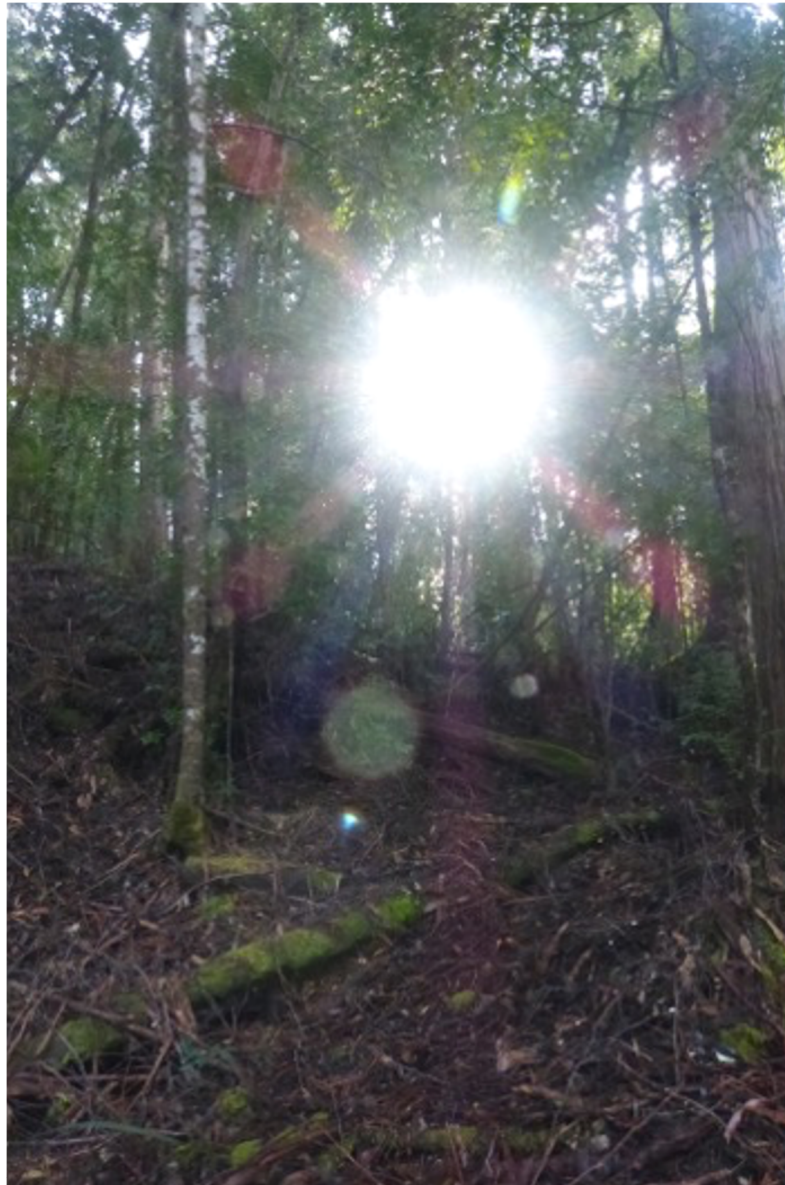


# Hope for a future



St Aidan's Uniting Church  
Sustainable September 4  
28<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## Call to Worship

God lifts us up and gives us hope,  
cares for us beyond our imagining.

Let us come and worship  
the One who cares for all creation:  
**we gather and worship God.**

## Prayers

Creator God,  
you have given us so much  
and we have given thanks.

As we pray our confession,  
we name the times  
when we have misused your gift of creation  
or have failed to reflect  
on where our things come from  
and how we use them.

We confess there are times  
when we do what is easy  
instead of what is right:  
**God of the cosmos, forgive us.**

We confess we use to excess  
and forget or fail  
to reduce, reuse, and recycle:  
**God of the cosmos, forgive us.**

We acknowledge we have given up  
on practices that heal our earth  
or use what is fair  
simply because we can:  
**God of the cosmos, forgive us.**

We hear the cry of our earth  
and of our future generations  
yet we ignore it  
because it makes us uncomfortable:  
**God of the cosmos, forgive us.**

We know there are solutions  
that are within our reach  
and for which we already have capacity  
but we pretend it is too hard  
to change our ways  
and make a difference:

**God of the cosmos, forgive us.**

God of all beings,  
help us to acknowledge our failings  
to look towards a new way of being,  
being in relationship with other people,  
with all creation,  
and with you.  
Amen.

### *Words of Assurance*

Christ came because God so loved the cosmos,  
that love extends to each of us  
and helps us walk again in God's ways:  
know that you are forgiven  
**thanks be to God.**

### *Prayer of Intercession*

Creator God,  
as we pray for the needs of our world,  
we pray for creation,  
for the plants and animals,  
and the people hurt  
because of the damage that has been done.

For the animals without a home  
and the plants that are threatened  
because we want to mine or drill  
and especially when our mining  
is to give us oil, gas, and other substances  
that in themselves cause harm  
to our environment.

For the people around the world  
whose are unhealthy  
because of the runoff from mining  
the pollution in their farms and cities  
and damage caused to the land.

For the animals of our lands and oceans  
who consume microplastics  
that look like their usual food,  
animals from the tiny worms in our soil  
to the plankton-eating whales.

For the people who have little choice  
but to work causing pollution and death,  
little choice due to poverty  
so they recycle our phones  
or in many other industries  
where pollution is a byproduct.

We pray for generations to come  
who may never know the beauty  
of our planet earth  
nor the safety we have experienced  
through our lives.

We pray for those  
who have the power and control  
to make a difference for our planet  
whether this is on a large or small scale,  
we pray that all people will do what they can  
for together we can make a difference.  
Amen.

### Benediction & Blessing

God lifts us up and gives us hope,  
cares for us beyond our imagining.

We go out into our world  
and in our world  
we encounter God.

We go out knowing God is with us,  
Jesus the Christ walks alongside us,  
and the Spirit leads us each and every day.  
Amen.