

Suggested Additional Resources

Books/Study Materials/Other Publications:

The Green Bible, published by HarperCollins Publishers, available at Cokesbury Book stores. It features an introduction by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and includes articles by Matthew Sleeth, Pope John Paul II, Ellen Davis, Barbara Brown Taylor, Wendell Berry and others. Verses from Genesis through Revelation that speak of the natural world are printed in green.

Green Church: Reduce-Reuse-Recycle-Rejoice, a curriculum series for all age levels, published by Abington Press, April, 2010. Participants will discover through scripture, scientific findings, learning activities and discussion that caring for the environment is an act of Christian faith. .

Upper Room Spiritual Disciplines: A Book of Daily Devotions by Upper Room Books, published annually, related to the lectionary, offers good worship resources. Discussion guide available.

Contemplative by Design, Creating Quiet Spaces for Retreats, Workshops, Churches, and Personal Settings, Upper Room Books, 2008, by Gerrie Grimsley and Jane Young. (Chapters 5: Breath, Wind Spirit, 13: Nature, and 15: Water, were used as guides for creating spaces for contemplative meditation for the 2008 Caring for Creation Conference at Lake Junaluska.

Strange as This Weather Has Been, a novel by Ann Pancake, makes mountain top removal issues come alive. Wendell Berry said it is one of the bravest novels he's read.

Love God, Heal Earth, by the Rev. Canon Sally Bingham

The Essential Agrarian Reader, edited by Norman Wirzba, with foreword by Barbara Kingsolver.

Sourcebook of Worship Resources, Vol. 4 and Vol. 5: www.comresources.com

Dances:

STAND UP FOR LOVE

By Susan Grace, performed by her for *One Land, One Heart* album, 1998, M.U.S.E. Association, Inc.
Choreography Pat Stone, August, 2009

DANCE DIRECTIONS

(in circle facing each other, shallow lunge, continuous bounce to fast beat, arms down by sides; each stanza can be done as solo/duet or by entire group)

As I stand here by your waters – keep arms down by sides
I can hear your song so clear – slide arms up to ears, palms down, fingers to back
I can hear the aching whispers – lead with wrists out and down
The song of sorrow loud and clear – one arm crosses heart, other arm back down to side (if not doing anything on next stanza, slowly let arm drop back down to side)

For I have known you as a child – raise arms up
When your waters were so clear – sway arms back and forth for "water"
As you held me in (your) arms – use one arm to “cradle” a baby
As you washed away all of my fears – use the other arm in a sweeping horiz mvmt over the ‘baby’ and out to the side, and then down (or could do a down sweep of arms)
 (if not doing anything on next stanza, slowly let arm drop back down to side)

Through many times of pain and sorrow – bring clenched fists to shoulders, then raise arms quickly and ‘explode’ hands on *sorrow*
I have come to you to cry – both hands covering face
You have held me in your being – move hands to hug self
Healed my heart and given strength – ‘rock’ within the hug
 (if not doing anything on next stanza, slowly let arm drop back down to side)

And now the time has come to listen – bring (R) arm up from side, then lead with fingers (palm up) along jaw line to ear and out
To the stillness of your pain – repeat with other arm
Just as the rage of autumn storms – slap hands together over head
I hear your song in the morning rain – separate hands and bring down (lead with wrists), wiggling fingers for ‘rain’
 (if not doing anything on next stanza, slowly let arm drop back down to side)

I can hear you gently crying – hands beside ears, dip head to one side and to other

I can see your sorrow deep – hands on either side of face, dip head to one side and to other

As I watch the factories dumping – one hand shading eyes, move head from one side to the other, as if looking for/at something

Poisons into your life bloodstream – abrupt thrust down with both hands
(if not doing anything on next stanza, slowly let arm drop back down to side)

For many years now you have given – arms slide up, crossing in front of body, then palms out and arms open

Until you cannot give no more – turn palms over and let arms drop

Your waters poisoned, your fish are dying – one hand to mouth (can either do a ‘whisper’ gesture with one finger or all fingers, or can cover mouth); then other hand does sign for ‘death’ – swipe across forehead

Where is your strength, where is your hope? – arms halfway out, palms out, as if saying ‘I don’t know’
(if not doing anything on next stanza, slowly let arm drop back down to side)

(all do this):

I have watched in utter silence – keep arms down by side

I have cried and I have mourned – left arm up and over shoulder of neighbor, then right arm (or stretch out)

Now the time has come for action – raise left arm almost straight up, fingers open and spread, then right arm, keep face looking at circle

Stand up for love, turn away no more! – hold position

Stand up for love, turn away no more! – turn to back, clinched fists to shoulders

Stand up for love, turn away no more! – turn to front, arms back up, then on last “more” bend elbows then back up, clinch fists, stamp foot, look straight up

(suggestion: group do first and last stanzas together, while inner stanzas are solos/duets, or one big solo piece)

Music:

Song: “Colors of the Wind” from Walt Disney’s POCAHONTAS, Music by Alan Menken Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, Arranged by Mac Huff

Song: “Being Green” from Sesame Street, by Joe Raposo

CD: “Dark Winds Rising,” Bimstein. Voices of Piroute dramatizing their responses to the threat of an incinerator. “Handsomely crafted . . . rhythmically exciting . . . first-rate (*Dark Winds Rising*).” Joan Reinthaler, Washington Post

A useful website for free new hymns:

www.gbod.org/worship/default.asp?=-reader&item_id=161012&loc_id=17,832

Websites

General Environmental:

oikoumene.org/ World Council of Churches: eco-justice and ecological debt statement

[\[mailto:gbcbs@umc-gbcs.org\]](mailto:gbcbs@umc-gbcs.org), General Board of Church and Society of the UMC
http://www.umc.org/atf/cf/%7BDB6A45E4-C446-4248-82C8-E131B6424741%7D/GRC_PastoralLetter_Liturgy.pdf United Methodist Council

of Bishops' statement, including a litany for the people

<http://www.nrpe.org/> National Religious Partnership for the Environment

<http://webofcreation.org/> Resources on ecology and religion

<http://nccusa.org/> National Council of Churches, USA

<http://www.seasonofcreation.com/> A four-Sunday celebration of creation

cfpresbytery.org, a Presbyterian Resource Center: click "Resource Center," then type "Caring for Creation;" or contact John Jackson at findjohnj@aol.com, a Presbyterian minister, author of *Creation Care In The Faith Community*

<http://www.elca.org/socialstatements/environment/> Lutheran Social Statements

<http://www.elca.org/socialstatements/economiclife/> " " "

<http://www.webofcreation.org/lens/index.html> Lutheran Earthkeeping Network of the Synods

www.earthministry.org a nonprofit committed to engaging environmental stewardship

General Eco-Justice:

<http://allianceforsustainability.net/> Events, films, other info

<http://www.eco-justice.org/> Helps churches develop relevant ministries

<http://www.justneighbors.net/> An interactive poverty awareness program

<http://www.elca.org/dcs/epr/environment/pdf/envaudit.pdf> Lutheran Environmental Audit Guide

www.gipl.org Georgia Interfaith Power and Light

www.ncipl.org, North Carolina Interfaith Power and Light

www.theregenerationproject.org A community-based project in progress

Earth Day Sunday:

<http://eco-justice.org/EarthDay02.asp>

<http://www.ncccecojustice.org/> click "resources" – publishes annual resources for Earth Day worship or observance of Earth Day Sunday, as well as other helpful resources.

[Earth%20Day%20Index2.htm](http://www.earthday.net/programs/religious/)

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Advocacy:

<http://www.elca.org/advocacy/> Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
<http://www.faithfulamerica.org/> Religion and the Ethics of Climate Change
<http://www.advocacydays.org/tracks/domestic.php> Ecumenical Advocacy

Worship resources:

<http://www.seasonofcreation.com/liturgies/>
<http://webofcreation.org/Worship/resources.htm>
<http://www.eco-justice.org/tips-w.asp>
<http://www.webofcreation.org/ncc/covcong.html>
www.umcworship.org General Board of Discipleship—caring for creation resources among others
www.gbod.org/worship/default.asp?=-reader&item_id=161012&loc_id=17,832
 A useful website for free new hymns.
www.nccecojustice.org-- click on “resources” – annually publishes resources for Earth Day worship or observance of Earth Day Sunday as well as other helpful resources.

Visual art:

www.WisdomsTable.net. Art by Sylvia Everett (including panels used at a Caring for Creation Conference at Lake Junaluska

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