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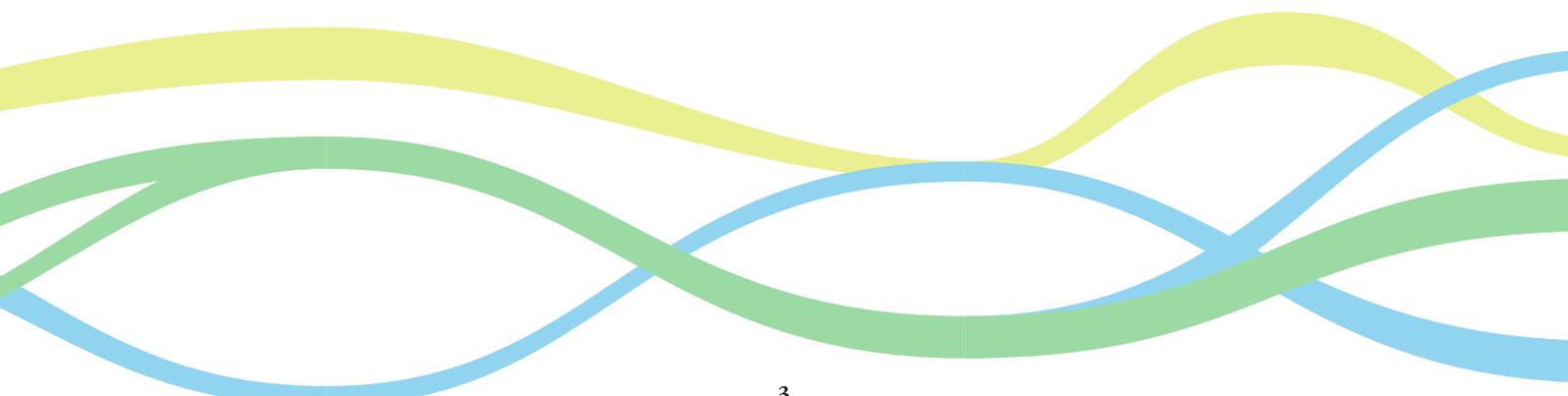
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# Introduction

We keep breaking records when it comes to climate change – and this is not a good thing. According to NASA, the year 2020 ties with 2016 as the warmest year on record and the six years since 2015 are also the six warmest ever registered. Across the globe, we have witnessed an intensification of climate consequences: powerful storms, heat waves, sea-level rise, and forest fires.

At the same time, we have seen young people speak up for climate action at an unprecedented scale. Climate change is a reality that will impact (in fact, already impacts) their lives, and they are determined to have a say in the actions taken to combat it.

There is a strong scientific consensus that the earth is warming and that human activities—primarily greenhouse gas emissions—are the leading cause of this warming.

The vast majority of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions caused by human activity come from the combustion of fossil fuels, principally coal, oil, and natural gas, with additional contributions coming from deforestation, changes in land use, soil erosion, and agriculture.

However, there is something each of us (as individuals and as church communities) can do to put pressure on these companies and to help our planet: divest from fossil fuels. Check if your bank is investing in fossil fuel companies. Write a letter requesting that they start investing in sustainable climate solutions. Shareholder engagement and activism can actually result in banks changing their policies.

The first Ecumenical IYD in 2019 was particularly successful in connecting two different areas to celebrate together. Following this success, WCC is expanding the invitation to all its member churches and ecumenical partners worldwide. For the third year in a row, the fellowship is encouraged to organize an Ecumenical IYD celebration in local churches, national councils, and regional bodies. WCC provides this toolkit as a resource for the fellowship to plan and organize unique celebrations of Ecumenical IYD 2021. You will find a description of this year's theme and suggested programme format to use and adapt in your context. WCC is planning a virtual celebration on 12 August 2021 to bring together various events on Ecumenical IYD from different parts of the world.

We consulted and collaborated with different youth networks, including organizations led by young Christian climate activists, to produce this toolkit and prepare the global event. Climate Justice was identified as one of the pressing issues that young people would like to explore and will be the focus of the activities. The WCC programmes on Youth Engagement in the Ecumenical Movement, Churches Commitment to Children, and Climate and Economic Justice are collaborating for this year's focus area.

## What is Climate Change?

“Global warming is the long-term heating of Earth’s climate system observed since the pre-industrial period (between 1850 and 1900) due to human activities, primarily fossil fuel burning, which increases heat-trapping greenhouse gas levels in Earth’s atmosphere.”<sup>1</sup>

Since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution, human activities have increased the atmospheric concentration of carbon dioxide by 45 per cent: from 280 parts per million (ppm) in 1750 to 413 ppm in 2019.

The vast majority of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions caused by human activity come from the combustion of fossil fuels, principally coal, oil, and natural gas, with additional contributions coming from deforestation, changes in land use, soil erosion, and agriculture.

According to the World Meteorological Organization, at the end of 2019, the global average temperature was about one degree Celsius warmer than before widespread industrialization. The WMO says that if the current warming trend continues, temperatures could rise 3-5° Celsius by the end of this century.<sup>2</sup>

A temperature rise of 2°C had long been regarded as the gateway to dangerous warming. More recently, scientists and policymakers have argued that limiting temperature rise to 1.5°C is safer.

To avoid the worst consequences of climate change and keep the temperature rise below 1.5° Celsius, lasting system changes are needed urgently. Fossil fuel emissions need to be reduced urgently. Only joint efforts at every level will enable us to bend the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions curve and protect our planet for future generations.

<sup>1</sup> <https://climate.nasa.gov/resources/global-warming-vs-climate-change/>

<sup>2</sup> World Meteorological Organization. *WMO Statement on the State of the Global Climate in 2019*. [https://library.wmo.int/doc\\_num.php?explnum\\_id=10211](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=10211)



## What is Climate Justice?

When we are talking about climate change, we are dealing with a very complex issue. We are facing not only an ecological crisis but an economic, social, and ethical one as well.

The impacts of climate change will not be borne equally or fairly between rich and poor, women and men, and older and younger generations.<sup>3</sup>

Keeping this interrelatedness and intersectionality in mind is very important: ecological justice is not possible without social and economic justice.

## Why do we need to concern ourselves about these issues?

As the impact of climate change intensifies over time, it is the children and young people of today who will face the worst effects. They are the ones who have the most to lose, and yet some of them are not old enough to vote and have a say in the decisions that affect them.

However, in the past years, we have seen young people speak up for climate action at an unprecedented scale. Climate change is a reality that will impact (in fact, already impacts) their lives, and they are determined to have a say in the actions taken to combat it.

Among other inspiring initiatives, the activism of Greta Thunberg and the [Fridays for Future](#) movement it has grown into has shown us that young people are, in fact, able to put pressure on governments and make a change.

## What are the churches doing now?

Churches can be powerful agents of climate action.

- Church of South India<sup>4</sup>

The [Church of South India \(CSI\)](#) is the largest Protestant church in India. The church is committed to engaging its member institutions in initiatives to protect the environment and address climate change.

CSI's [Department of Ecological Concerns](#) focuses on education around the UN Sustainable Development Goals. [See this short video](#) for a summary of the department's work.

- Church of England<sup>5</sup>

The [Church of England's Environment Programme](#) aims to support, encourage, and enable the church to pray, speak, and act prophetically on environmental issues.

In July 2018, The Church of England, which is part of the international Anglican communion that includes America's Episcopal Church, voted at its General Synod to begin to divest from companies "not taking seriously their responsibilities to assist with

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<sup>3</sup> United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. *Climate*.  
<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/blog/2019/05/climate-justice/>

<sup>4</sup> Frederique Seidel and Virág Kinga Mezei, *Climate Justice with and for Children and Youth in Churches: Get Informed, Get Inspired, Take Action*. (Geneva: World Council of Churches, 2020)  
<https://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/publications/climate-justice-with-children-and-youth>

<sup>5</sup> Seidel and Mezei, *Climate Justice*.

the transition to a low carbon economy” in 2020 and by 2023 to divest its £12 billion (\$15 billion US) investment fund from fossil fuel companies if they have not aligned their operations with the Paris Agreement.<sup>6</sup>

- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America<sup>7</sup>  
ELCA is committed to helping the transition to an economy that is less dependent on fossil fuels through shareholder advocacy and positive social investing.
- United Church of Zambia (UCZ)  
Most of UCZ’s three million members are youths. The UCZ equips youth and children with skills to mitigate the effects of climate change.

UCZ teaches climate-smart agriculture through its Chipembi College of Agriculture – including “Conservation Farming,” which is sometimes referred to as “farming God’s way.” Other measures and training activities include sustainable forest management and renewable energy.

Through different projects from the UCZ Synod and Plan Zambia, youth also learn the importance of agroforestry and afforestation and beekeeping. Students are also trained in sustainable and ecological fishery methods.

- Uniting Church in Australia  
In July 2014, the Uniting Church in Australia National Assembly resolved to divest from investments in corporations engaged in the extraction of fossil fuels. Its investment policy is to “avoid making investments which encourage or profit from activities which create goods or services that have unacceptable harmful effects on people or the environment and which cannot be avoided by prudent, practical controls.”<sup>8</sup>  
The church also encouraged its 10,000 students and their teachers to skip class for the climate change rally in 2019 as part of a broader push to respond to the “crisis confronting the planet.”<sup>9</sup>
- Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia  
In May 2014, the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia (an autonomous province of the Anglican Communion serving New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, and the Cook Islands) became the first province in the worldwide Anglican Communion to vote to divest from fossil fuels.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> BrightNow. “Church of England votes for fossil fuel divestment, but still some way to go.” Published 10 July 2018. <https://brightnow.org.uk/news/church-of-england-votes-for-fossil-fuel-divestment/>

<sup>7</sup> Frederique Seidel and Emmanuel de Martel, *Cooler Earth – Higher Benefits: Actions By Those Who Care About Children, Climate And Finance*. 2nd ed. (Geneva: World Council of Churches, 2021) <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/publications/cooler-earth-higher-benefits-second-edition>

<sup>8</sup> Seidel and de Martel, *Cooler Earth*.

<sup>9</sup> Seidel and Mezei, *Climate Justice*.

<sup>10</sup> Seidel and de Martel, *Cooler Earth*, p. 39.

# Advocating for climate justice at the 26th Conference of Parties (COP26) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

COP26 is the next annual UN climate change conference which will be attended by the countries that signed the UNFCCC, a treaty on climate change that came into force in 1994. COP 26, which will take place from 01-12 November 2021 in Glasgow, Scotland, is a critical moment that will review national government commitments to keep global warming to well under 2°C and ideally at the relatively safe threshold of 1.5°C as agreed in Paris in 2016.

The following are some of the key calls that we must take to our governments at COP 26:

- Significantly ramp up Nationally Determined Contributions in line with science and keeping temperature rise to 1.5°C to prevent the worst consequences of climate change. High income, industrialized countries ought to act first.
- Ensure protection against climate change impacts for the most vulnerable. This means that wealthy countries must provide finance and transfer technology to poorer countries to enable the latter to mitigate, adapt and build resilience to climate change. In addition, the “loss and damage” mechanism must be strengthened to compensate countries and communities in the frontline of the climate crisis for irreversible climate impacts.
- Stop financing the fossil fuel industry and move resources into renewable energies and nature-based solutions such as ecologically friendly agriculture and the protection of rainforests.
- Promote a “just transition” to a zero-carbon economy that creates jobs and leaves no one behind.



# Suggestions for Observing Ecumenical IYD

This year, we are preparing for the IYD event in August by organizing several smaller events beforehand. This will allow us to dive deeper into climate change and reflect on the issues related to it.

## Methodology

Participants and organizers of the Ecumenical IYD 2020 may do so at different levels, whether it is for focused groups, small groups (20 or fewer persons), middle-size groups (between 21 and 50 persons), or large groups (50 persons and more). In the context of COVID-19, we strongly encourage young people to use creativity and innovative ideas to implement the celebration of the Ecumenical IYD 2021.

As you begin to plan for the event, you may consider reflecting on the questions below:

1. How does our church respond to climate change issues, especially among young people? What are the stories and testimonies in our church and context?
2. If climate justice is a taboo in your context, how do we deal with it in our communities to address the issues?
3. How do churches provide spaces of intergenerational dialogue on climate change and climate justice?
4. How can we, young people, take leadership in building awareness and education tools for our churches and communities about young people and climate justice and post-COVID-19?



The suggested event is divided into three parts: **Presentation, Interactive Zones\*, and the Climate Change response**. The first part will be a space for speakers or panellists. After the presentations, participants will disperse into smaller groups (5-10 persons per group) and be invited to explore the topic in more depth. Finally, participants will gather back to the plenary to work together and share solutions that they can apply as individuals and as a community/church.

### Suggested Programme Flow

Time	Methodology	Description	Speaker/Resource Person
10 minutes	Common Prayer	<b>Common Prayer</b> (see suggested prayer in the Toolkit)	
5 minutes	Introduction	<b>Brief presentation</b> of speakers and sequence of activities	
20 minutes	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Young People and Climate Justice</b>	2-3 young persons, clergy, climate activists
20 minutes	<b>Interactive Zones &amp; Creative Space</b>	<b>Participants go deeper</b> on the topic in small groups (5-10 persons per group) and participate in a creative activity	
25 minutes	<b>Sharing Solutions Together</b>	Highlighting programmes by churches and ecumenical partners in addressing climate change	
5 minutes	Conclusion	A brief summary and wrapping up	
<b>Total: 90 minutes</b>			

\*The presentation allows space for the speakers to share their experiences and relate to the audience. We aim that the sharing will spark deeper conversations and proposals among the participants. If this is done online, the interactive zone could be modified according to the flow of the conversation. Consider adding a creative piece to the interactive zone, allowing participants to express their reflections through painting, drawings, dance, songs, poems, articles, Bible study, etc.

## “Big event” (12 August)

The WCC will organize an online event on 12 August. You are welcome to join. However, we encourage you to also organize something in your community. You can register your event on the [UN list](#) so that more people will see what you do.

## Smaller events throughout August, before and following the EIYD 2021

### Social media

- Be creative and use the available social media platforms. Create interesting, shareable visual content: photos, memes, wallpapers, videos, anything you think could work in your context.
- Create videos showcasing personal stories of people affected by climate injustice: testimonials, short documentaries, interviews, “talk shows” – these could make the topic much more relatable for young people.
- Start a challenge: ask young people to take pictures/videos of what they are doing to celebrate EIYD and share with others.
  - DIY projects: any creative project focusing on recycling.  
Participants can upload short videos to the page
- Use hashtags to reach more people: the official UN hashtag of the International Youth Day is #IYD2021, but feel free to use others, too.

### Other online materials

- Invite your church to make a commitment: think about concrete, action-oriented steps that your faith community can do, then write a statement your church can sign on 12 August.
- Start a blog on climate change and explore the topic through blog posts.

### Small webinars and meetings

- Organize mini webinars or Zoom meetings to explore the themes and address the issues, creating momentum before the big event. This could be an opportunity to reflect on the intersectionality of the topic. Invite local speakers and experts to make the event relevant in your context.

### Bible studies on climate justice

- As Christians, it is important to go back to Scripture as our foundation.  
What is our role as Christians in protecting the environment? What has our Christianity has to do with all this?

Organize Bible studies to reflect on these questions.

### Art

- Again, there are no limits to your imagination: dance, sing, write, paint, whatever you are best at. Be creative, be relevant, be challenging.

# Four steps for a just and sustainable life

## 1. Live in Accordance with the Covenant with God and Creation

Conventional industrial agriculture is leading to a critical loss of biodiversity and the disastrous effects of climate change.

**Support small-scale agriculture:** buy directly from local farmers or buy local products in the supermarket and eat seasonal food. It will benefit your health and the environment, too.

**Community gardens** can be great meeting points and help to deepen relationships within the community. Check if there is such a project near you and encourage your church community to join it. You can also create your own garden: even very small grounds that your church owns may be used as community gardens. Plant vegetables, medicinal herbs, fruits, or rare species and contribute to the rescue of biodiversity.

Say **no to bottled water:** it is a way to fight privatization and promote the human right to water. Besides, less bottled water means less plastic pollution! Invite your church to do the same and use tap water (at events, for example) where it is safe to drink.

## 2. Renewable Energy and Climate Protection

Deal with energy and materials consciously. The consumption of fossil fuel-based energy harms the climate. It is already leading to the vast destruction of livelihoods, the drowning of islands, conflicts, wars, and a growing number of climate refugees.

Promote the use of public transport, car-sharing systems, and bicycles. Print on recycled paper, avoid plastic and Styrofoam cups, install switchable electrical outlets. These small changes can have a remarkable effect.

Encourage your church community to control the use of energy and to improve the energy efficiency of buildings and establishments.

## 3. Just and sustainable consumption

Buy ecological, fair, and regional. Choose fair-trade coffee, tea, juice, and chocolate, and vegetarian food, when possible, and encourage your church to do the same when organizing an event.

Avoid throwaway articles. Recycling waste is good, but reducing waste is better. Where using throwaway articles seems unavoidable, opt for compostable ones, if possible. Organize exchange circles to give items a chance for a second life in someone else's hand.

## 4. Economies of Life

Practise alternative economic models. The beginning can be very simple: a shelf where people can deposit things they don't need anymore, and others can take items for free. With a bit of creativity and support from your church community, you can also develop a free shop, second-hand shop, food-sharing-point, repair café, skills-exchange network, producer-consumer network, and so much more.

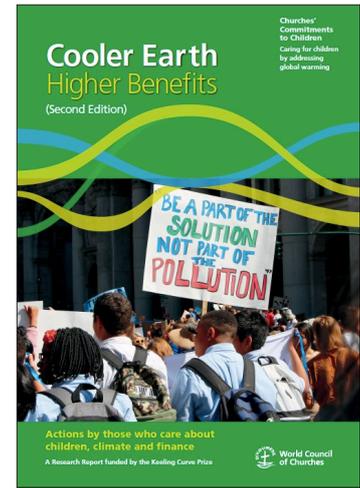
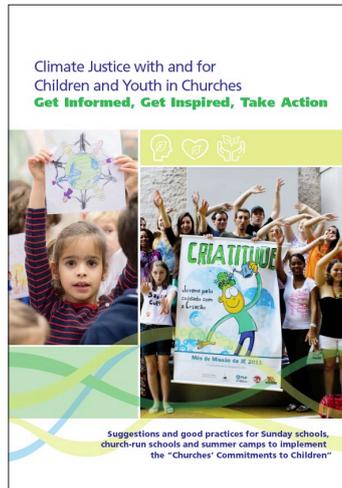
Choose a bank that does not invest in fossil fuels – or if your bank does, write them a letter or ask them to change their policies. Remind your community, too, of the importance of ethical banking: churches often critique the destructive economy and at the same time empower it by thoughtless investment. Church-owned ethical banks could become something ordinary and contribute much more to a better world.

Divestment is an important tool to apply pressure on fossil fuel companies, and local churches could play a key role in promoting sustainable climate solutions.<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> More information on divestment, available in Seidel and de Martel, *Cooler Earth*.

WCC publications to support a youth climate response.



# Cooler Earth Higher Benefits

## You have the power to invest in a cooler world!

### 2 Be informed

Is your bank fueling the climate crisis?

For more information, see the Rainforest Action Network's Banking on Climate Change Report

SO WHICH BANK DO I CHOOSE?  
WHICH ONES SUPPORT FOSSIL FUELS?  
WHICH ARE THE CLIMATE SAFE BANKS TO INVEST IN?

Write a letter to your bank. Ask them to divest from fossil fuels and support sustainable initiatives.

Take the **Green Your Money pledge**.

Check if your bank is engaged in the **Collective Commitment to Climate Action** and use the **Coal Policy Tool** to choose a climate-safe bank.

### 1 Think planet when you bank

- Your bank is investing your money on your behalf. Often, this money goes to support fossil fuel industries.
- The simple choice of a green bank can help to stop climate change.
- Only 16% of the world's money is invested in sectors which prepare to be climate-resilient (total assets divested from fossil fuel compared to global wealth managed).
- Find details in "Cooler Earth - Higher Benefits".

Young people everywhere are acting to hold big banks accountable. This is Kayah's example.

Kayah George, a student and young indigenous activist from the Tulalip and Tsleil-Waututh Nations (Canada), is passionate about fossil fuel divestment. In 2020, she inspired people to join the "Not My Dirty Money" Pledge, encouraging people to choose banks that invest in clean energies.

### 3 What can you do now?

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## Need some more inspiration?

- Useful resources:
  - Frederique Seidel and Virág Kinga Mezei, *Cooler Earth – Higher Benefits: Actions By Those Who Care About Children, Climate And Finance*. 2nd ed. (Geneva: World Council of Churches, 2021)  
<https://www.oikoumene.org/cooler-earth-higher-benefits>
  - *Roadmap for Congregations, Communities and Churches for an Economy of Life and Ecological Justice*  
<https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/documents/roadmap-for-congregations-communities-and-churches-for-an-economy-of-life-and-ecological-justice>
  - WCC Liturgical Resources on Climate Change and care for creation  
<https://seafle.ecucenter.org/f/bdc820634fd4447ea05d/>
- Reduce your environmental impact
  - **Footprint Calculators**  
Footprint calculators are tools designed to help us measure our carbon footprint in view to reduce our environmental impact. Various organizations have developed these to be used by [teenagers](#), [adults](#), or even an [entire congregation](#).
  - **BuyOrNot Application**  
This app helps consumers make ethical purchases, allowing them to scan the barcode of products and receive information on their impact on health and society. It is presently only available in French. Visit the [BuyOrNot website](#) or download the app from Google Play or the App Store.
- Voices of Youth  
[Voices of Youth is UNICEF's digital community for youth, by youth](#). The website has ideas for young people to support climate action and share their ideas with this global community.
- Plant for the Planet: The Trillion Tree Campaign  
By Plant for the Planet and supporting the United Nations Environment Programme, the [Trillion Tree Campaign web app](#) presents tree planting organizations and projects from all over the world. It provides an easy way for anyone who would like to support reforestation projects.

# Suggested Common Prayer

**Thursday, 12 August 2021**

**Theme: CLIMATE CHANGE & CARE FOR CREATION**

(Placards with the following phrases are placed on the floor around the altar with the accompanying articles)

Individual Posters with the following words written clearly:

Covenant with God and Creation	(Soil)
Renewable Energy and Climate Protection	(Paper Bag)
Just and sustainable consumption	(Container of Water)
Economies of Life	(Local Currency)
Networking	(Seeds)

(During the procession, a song or hymn is sung or played that reflects this year's theme. Alternatively, there can be drumming or other musical instruments to accompany the procession.)

- L: As God's people, we gather together in the name of the Triune God – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
We have come together to celebrate the 2021 International Youth Day.  
As we meet, we affirm that we are part of God's marvellous creation.  
We join in confessing our lack of care for creation and the earth's environment.  
We gather to affirm that all of God's creation is good.  
Thanks be to God.

## Prayer

- L: Almighty God, our Loving Father and creator of the whole universe, as we behold our varied yet beautiful world, we come giving thanks.
- V1: We give thanks for mountains which stand in grandeur;  
for running streams which refresh the valleys;
- V2: for trees and grass which protect our environment,  
for the animals and all living creatures which you have created.
- L: God, who created night and day,  
we give thanks for the soft and soothing light of the moon and stars,  
for darkening the night, enabling necessary rest and sleep.
- V1: We give thanks too for the brilliant sunrise that begins each day,  
awakening our bodies for work and play.
- L: God of splendour, may we daily appreciate all your created beauty,  
as we acknowledge that in Jesus Christ, all creation is held together.
- V2: May all creation be indwelt and renewed by the Holy Spirit,  
making this beautiful and varied world truly a home for all.
- L: Hear and accept our prayer this day, as we come before you and give glory to you our One God – the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen.**

## Song/Hymn

### Scripture Reading: Job 38: 1 - 18

- 38** Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:  
<sup>2</sup> “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?  
<sup>3</sup> Gird up your loins like a man,  
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.  
<sup>4</sup> “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.  
<sup>5</sup> Who determined its measurements—surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?  
<sup>6</sup> On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone  
<sup>7</sup> when the morning stars sang together  
and all the heavenly beings<sup>[a]</sup> shouted for joy?  
<sup>8</sup> “Or who shut in the sea with doors  
when it burst out from the womb?—  
<sup>9</sup> when I made the clouds its garment,  
and thick darkness its swaddling band,  
<sup>10</sup> and prescribed bounds for it,  
and set bars and doors,  
<sup>11</sup> and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?  
<sup>12</sup> “Have you commanded the morning since your days began,  
and caused the dawn to know its place,  
<sup>13</sup> so that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,  
and the wicked be shaken out of it?  
<sup>14</sup> It is changed like clay under the seal,  
and it is dyed<sup>[b]</sup> like a garment.  
<sup>15</sup> Light is withheld from the wicked,  
and their uplifted arm is broken.  
<sup>16</sup> “Have you entered into the springs of the sea,  
or walked in the recesses of the deep?  
<sup>17</sup> Have the gates of death been revealed to you,  
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?  
<sup>18</sup> Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?  
Declare, if you know all this.

The Word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

## Reflection Questions

As we reflect on this portion of scripture, consider the following questions:

1. If you were in Job’s place, what answer would you have to give to God’s questions?
2. How has this portion of scripture helped you to better understand creation and your place in the created order of all things?
3. If you were to write an apology to God about our treatment of creation, how would this passage inform your apology?

## Song/Hymn (optional)

### Prayers of Intercession

- L: Creator God, all creation declares your glory and expresses your awesome power and majesty. Help us to be co-creators with you as we care for all that you have made.
- C: Lord, have mercy and hear our prayers.**
- L: God of all, may we recognize that you value all creation – small and great and by so doing lead us to equally care for all creatures you have made.
- C: Lord, have mercy and hear our prayers.**
- L: God of all comfort, may you bring comfort to all who are suffering in this world because of the destruction to the earth and the environment caused by climate change.
- C: Lord, have mercy and hear our prayers.**
- L: God, who knows all and has created all, we bring before you these elements. May the **soil** remind us of your covenant with your creation. May we, too, promise to care for and not destroy creation.
- C: Lord, have mercy and hear our prayers.**
- L: May this **paper bag** remind us to always be engaged in the ongoing work of seeking creative ways to find renewable energy and protect the earth's climate.
- C: Lord, have mercy and hear our prayers.**
- L: May this **container of water** remind us that you are a just God and as your people may we work for a just and sustainable consumption of food and water for all creation.
- C: Lord, have mercy and hear our prayers.**
- L: May this **local currency**, a representation of economies of life, remind us not to exploit and ruin your creation as commodities to satisfy our insatiable desire for consumption.
- C: Lord, have mercy and hear our prayers.**
- L: May these **seeds** remind us that all of creation is interconnected, and that all creation is an intricate network in which we are all interdependent.
- C: Lord, have mercy and hear our prayers.**

**Song/Hymn** (optional)

## **Benediction**

May the grace of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit always be with us. Amen





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