

Earth Care in Worship

- Creation Care liturgy, hymns, prayers, readings
- Earth Sabbath
- Season of Creation
- Earth care themed banner or art
- Minutes for Mission on earth care issues
- Lenten or Advent discipline for households focused on earth care
- Meditation or prayer garden
- Worship outside in nature.
- Living flowers, plants or trees in the sanctuary
- Purchase fair trade palm fronds for Palm Sunday
- Locally-grown pesticide-free flowers in sanctuary
- Beeswax candles rather than (oil-based) paraffin wax candles.
- Local wine for communion
- Practice intinction or have re-usable glasses (not plastic) for communion.
- Wash communion vessels/ glasses with eco-safe detergent.
- Provide communion bread of whole grain, organic and locally grown.
- Reduce or eliminate use of paper for bulletins (have a paperless service).
- Re-use choir music, bulletin inserts, etc. where possible.
- Use recycled paper for bulletins.
- Place basket or other container near exit from sanctuary for recycling worship materials.
- Use outside light where feasible.
- Use outside air and fans instead of air conditioner where feasible.
- Use live Christmas tree and then plant on church property.
- Green decorations for holidays.
- Safe disposal of batteries from wireless microphones.
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Resources

Season of Creation: <https://seasonofcreation.com/>

Season of Creation liturgies: <https://seasonofcreation.com/worship-resources/liturgies/>

Season of Creation video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n3EPirR2ZUI>

worship resources:

Earth Gospel: A Guide to Prayer for God's Creation, by Sam Hamilton-Poore, 2008

Grounded: Finding God in the World, by Diana Butler Bass, 2015 (esp. the appendix called "Forty Days with

Grounded: A Devotional")

from the Church of Scotland: https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/worship/weekly-worship/monthly/past_months/2018-09-september

Interfaith Power and Light prayers and sample sermons: <https://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/clergy-corner/sample-sermons/>

Good stuff from Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake:

https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/ipc/pages/393/attachments/original/1495229070/OWP_Nature_Walk_Spiritual_Activities_-_Script_Revised.pdf?1495229070

Mary Oliver, Wendell Berry poetry