

Sunday, November 16, 2025
Pentecost 23

Call for Awareness

by Rev. Darryl Macdonald, loosely based on Isaiah 12.1-6

Awake my body, awake my soul!
I give thanks to the Holy One; trust and do not fear.
I hear the song of the Creator vibrating in the earth;
bursts of joy in the soil of my soul, God's sacred presence within and without.
Awake my sacred being.

Song

God Of The Sparrow **VU229**

Centring Prayer & Candle Lighting

by Rev. Darryl Macdonald

This is a time to build your spiritual energy;
to connect how you are feeling with free flowing presence of the sacred.
Close your eyes or softly focus in front of you and take in a slow deep breath.
As you breathe in, notice how you are sitting, how you are feeling.
As you breathe out, let your body relax and let your mind drift.
Relax your hands and fingers and let your arms hang from your shoulders.
Imagine your body is filled with soft warm light.
Let that light glow with your breath
Allow God to dance through the cells of your body.

Bring your attention to your feet and the earth beneath you
Allow yourself to feel one with it.
Notice the sacredness of the land; the soils, the rivers, the oceans, the winds
Notice the sacredness of the beings of the land the people, the plants, the animals,
the fish, the birds and the insects.
Give thanks our first nations peoples and their connection to the land.
Give thanks for the immigrants and refugees that have found home on this land.
We join in the work of reconciliation, friendship and collaboration
to honour and care for all life.

Now bring your attention back to yourself; and see if anything has changed for you.
Have you been able to open yourself a little more to the presence of the Sacred?
No matter, you are here and who you are now is enough to worship God.

Song

You Shall Go Out With Joy **VU884**

- 17 For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.
- 18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating,
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight.
- 19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress.
- 20 No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime,
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
- 21 They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- 22 They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat,
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
- 23 They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well.
- 24 Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.
- 25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Sing-a-long with the Trailblazers

Let Your Light Shine On Me (The Lighthouse)

MY LORD'S DONE JUST WHAT HE SAID
LET THE LIGHT FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE SHINE ON ME
HE HEALED THE SICK AND HE RAISED THE DEAD
LET THE LIGHT FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE SHINE ON ME

CHORUS:

**SHINE ON, LET IT SHINE ON
LET THE LIGHT FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE SHINE ON ME
SHINE ON, LET IT SHINE ON
LET THE LIGHT FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE SHINE ON ME**

WELL I KNOW I'VE GOT RELIGION AND I AIN'T ASHAMED
LET THE LIGHT FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE SHINE ON ME
HIS ANGELS IN HEAVEN WROTE DOWN MY NAME
LET THE LIGHT FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE SHINE ON ME

CHORUS

OH MY LORD DIED ON CALVARY
LET THE LIGHT FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE SHINE ON ME
SO HIS BRIGHT LIGHT WILL SHINE ON ME
LET THE LIGHT FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE SHINE ON ME

CHORUS

SHINE ON, LET IT SHINE ON
LET THE LIGHT FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE SHINE ON ME
SHINE ON, LET IT SHINE ON
LET THE LIGHT FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE SHINE ON ME

OH I'M SOMETIMES UP, OH I'M SOMETIMES DOWN
LET THE LIGHT FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE SHINE ON ME
OH BUT STILL MY SOUL IS HEAVEN BOUND
LET THE LIGHT FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE SHINE ON ME

A CAPPELLA:

SHINE ON, SHINE ON, SHINE, SHINE ON ME
OH, SHINE ON, SHINE, SHINE, SHINE ON ME

CHORUS

Scripture

Luke 21.5-19 *New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition.*

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5 When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 6 “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

7 They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” 8 And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

9 “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” 10 Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; 11 there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

12 “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. 13 This will give you an opportunity to testify. 14 So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, 15 for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. 16 You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. 17 You will be hated by all because of my name. 18 But not a hair of your head will perish. 19 By your endurance you will gain your souls.

CHORUS:

**LET US PUT ON THE CLOTHES OF CHRIST
AND LIVE AS EQUALS WITH EV-ERY-ONE
LET US PUT ON THE CLOTHES OF CHRIST
AND REUNITE THE FAM-LY OF GOD**

CHORUS

JEW AND GREEK WILL LIVE SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE GARMENTS OF JUSTICE ON
EV'RY DOOR WILL BE OPEN WIDE IN THAT SWEET AND DELIGHTFUL DAWN
HATE AND FEAR SHALL NOT COME BETWEEN, OH, LET US UNITE IN LOVE
WE'LL CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSITY AS WE WELCOME THE REIGN OF GOD

CHORUS

ALL THE CAPTIVES WILL BE SET FREE WITH THE GARMENTS OF JUSTICE ON
DISCRIMINATION WILL CEASE TO BE IN THAT SWEET AND DELIGHTFUL DAWN
TO THE POOR WE WILL BRING GOOD NEWS, OH, LET US UNITE IN LOVE
OUR FAITH WILL TRAVEL BEYOND THE PEWS AS WE WELCOME THE REIGN OF GOD

CHORUS

MEN AND WOMEN WILL LIVE AS ONE WITH THE GARMENTS OF JUSTICE ON
WITH EQUAL PRIV'LEGE FOR EV'RY ONE IN THAT SWEET AND DELIGHTFUL DAWN
DOMINATION WILL FIN'LLY END, OH, LET US UNITE IN LOVE
THE PAINS OF HISTORY WE WILL MEND AS WE WELCOME THE REIGN OF GOD

CHORUS

OH, LET US RISE UP COMPLETELY NEW WITH THE GARMENTS OF JUSTICE ON
AND LIVING FULLY IN CHRIST WE'LL BLOOM IN THAT SWEET AND DELIGHTFUL DAWN
OH, LIKE THE THREADS OF A TAPESTRY, OH, LET US UNITE IN LOVE
AND WEAVE A JOYFUL COMMUNITY AS WE WELCOME THE REIGN OF GOD

CHORUS (2)

Another Voice

J. Philip Newell from Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul

“We are in the midst of a great reawakening to the sacredness of the earth and the human soul. Yes, there is also reaction to this awakening on the part of those who have vested interest in maintaining systems that neglect the sacredness of every species and that deny the sacredness of every race, gender, and sexual orientation. But these reactionary forces do not represent the deep spirit of this moment in time. Rather, they represent a frightened denial of this awakening. This is not to underestimate the enormous task ahead of us in confronting and challenging systems of inequity and neglect. But the deep momentum of this present moment is toward a greater consciousness of the sacred in all things.”

Sing-a-long with the Trailblazers

WHERE COULD I GO
LIVING BELOW IN THIS OLD SINFUL WORLD
HARDLY A COMFORT CAN AFFORD;
STRIVING ALONE TO FACE TEMPTATION'S SORE
WHERE COULD I GO BUT TO THE LORD?

CHORUS:
NOW WHERE COULD I GO, O WHERE COULD I GO
SEEKING A REFUGE FOR MY SOUL?
AND NEEDING A FRIEND JUST TO SAVE ME IN THE END
WHERE COULD I GO BUT TO THE LORD?

LIFE HERE IS GRAND WITH FRIENDS I LOVE SO DEAR
COMFORT I GET FROM GOD'S OWN WORD;
BUT WHEN MY SOUL NEEDS MANNA FROM ABOVE
WHERE COULD I GO BUT TO THE LORD?

CHORUS

CHORUS

WHERE COULD I GO BUT TO THE LORD?

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“There is a groundswell of waking up to the dignity of every human being and every race. There is a reawakened awareness of the sacred feminine. There is a sharpened scientific understanding of the single flow of life that courses through the body of the universe. There is a rediscovery of the power of native song and story to help inspire our rituals and narratives of sacredness today. There is a new openness to the intuitive and the imaginative as essential tools in discerning the way forward into our lives and world.

There is an explosion of earth awareness in our human consciousness, the likes of which we have never known before. There is an awakened sensitivity to how we handle matter and the stuff of the earth. There is a growing mindfulness of compassion and how we embody it our lives and relationships. And there is an ever awakening realization that humanity must journey forward into a new reverence for the earth, if the world as we know it is to survive.”

Song

O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing **VU326**

Offering Time

Musical Reflection

I Am Not Ok by Jelly Roll, performed by The Trailblazers

Offering Song

In The Quiet Curve Of Evening **VU278**

Prayer Circle

Free prayers for those who need our prayers

Because you, God, love the world,
because in Christ you walked it,
we dare to pray:
God, send your spirit;

renew the life of the earth.

To connect the words of ancient scripture
to the life of our world today;
to let the urgent summons of Jesus
surpass our reticence to respond,
God, send your spirit;

renew the life of the earth.

To awaken the minds of those in power
to the realities of those they govern;
to confront the arrogance of the privileged
with the vulnerability of the poor,
God, send your spirit;

renew the life of the earth.

To engage the fragile state of the planet
with those who carelessly abuse it;
to let the pain of those who are hurting
awaken the caring potential in the healthy,
God, send your spirit;

renew the life of the earth.

To eradicate the distance
between our convictions and commitments,
our potentials and our performance,
our prayers and our politics,
our faith and our discipleship,
God, send your spirit;

renew the life of the earth.

Convince us, gracious God,
that matter matters
and that all is up for redemption.
And since in Jesus
you destined all to be changed and made new,
enable us to be agents of your purpose.
We pray in Jesus' name.

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In time of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.**

Song

Saviour, Again To Your Dear Name **VU426**

Sending

by The Wild Goose Resource Group

Is it true that God loves the world?

AMEN.

This is true.

Is it true that God loves all people?

AMEN.

This is true.

Is it true that Jesus came to make all things new?

AMEN.

This is true.

Then let us go
as those whom God has called,
to bear witness to the love and justice of heaven,
to be beacons of light
and signs of transformation,
for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

AMEN.

Music To Send Us On Our Way

Share A Little Bit Of Your Love My Friend, *performed by The Trailblazers*