

LITURGY FOR THE JOURNEY
INTERGENERATIONAL HIKE
TO TWIN FALLS
September 12, 2021

GATHERING SONG *Come and fill our hearts*

Taizé

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al - le - lu - - ia!

OPENING PRAYER

Sounds of the Eternal: A Celtic Psalter – John Philip Newell

YOU are above us, O God,
You are within.
You are in all things
Yet contained by no thing.
Teach us to seek you in all that has life
That we may see you as the Light of life.
Teach us to search for you in our own depths
That we may find you in every living soul.

READING

From a speech by Chief Seattle in 1854 in *Iona Abbey Creation Liturgy*

Leader This we know, the earth does not belong to us:
All **we belong to the earth.**

Leader This we know, all things are connected:
All **like the blood which unites one family.**

Leader For we did not weave the web of life:
All **we are merely a strand of it.**

Leader Whatever we do to the web,
All **we do to ourselves.**

BRIEF REFLECTION

*Where have you noticed God so far on the hike or where do you notice God when you are hiking?
What word, detail or image stands out to you?*

PRAYER OF THANKS FOR CREATION

Iona Abbey Creation Liturgy, adapt.

Leader Let us pray.

Leader Thank you, God.
thanks for beauty:
the twinkle in an older person's eye
a child's shout of laughter;
thanks for greening trees and waterfalls,
stunning buildings
and flowerbeds in summer.

All Thanks for the beauty.

Leader Thank you, God.
thanks for creativity:
the skills of a tapestry weaver,
the imagination of a web designer;
thanks for bakers
and dancers and crossword compilers,
for spiders' webs and city murals.

All Thanks for creativity.

Leader Thank you, God.
thanks for abundance:
for seeds and raindrops,
for grains of sand and infinite galaxies;
thanks for seagulls,
plankton and shoals of mackerel,
for wriggling worms and golden dandelions.

All Thanks for abundance.

Leader Thanks for your world, God,
And for our part in it.
Thanks that you are a maker,
And that you made us makers too.

**All Help us to love creation as you love it,
to take risks to value it as Jesus did,
and draw us into the wildness and wonder
of your Holy Spirit
today and every day. Amen.**

SONG

Bless the Lord, my soul

Taizé

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly Name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

PRAYER FOR SEND OFF FROM THE PARKING LOT

Leader Go now.
Voice 1 Go and revel in God's world.
Voice 2 Go and be creative.
Voice 3 Go and work for justice.
Voice 4 Go and love your neighbors.
Voice 5 Go and walk with God.

All Amen.

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