



## Worship - MONDAY July 26 “We who endanger...”

### GATHERING

#### GATHERING MUSIC

Prelude

"Morning Has Broken"

Karen Ives

Melissa Chavez

#### CALL TO WORSHIP -

Psalm 24, The Message

God claims Earth and everything in it,  
God claims World and all who live on it.

**He built it on Ocean foundations,  
laid it out on River girders.**

Who can climb Mount God?

Who can scale the holy north-face?

**Only the clean-handed,  
only the pure-hearted;**

**Men who won't cheat,  
women who won't seduce.**

God is at their side;

with God's help they make it.

**This, Jacob, is what happens  
to God-seekers, God-questers.**

Wake up, you sleepyhead city!

Wake up, you sleepyhead people!

King-Glory is ready to enter.

Who is this King-Glory?

God, armed

and battle-ready.

**Wake up, you sleepyhead city!**

**Wake up, you sleepyhead people!**

**King-Glory is ready to enter.**

**Who is this King-Glory?**

**God-of-the-Angel-Armies:**

**he is King-Glory.**

God claims Earth and everything in it,  
**God claims World and all who live on it.**

HYMN 713 - Touch the Earth Lightly, v1, 2

OPENING PRAYER<sup>1</sup>

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Silent Prayers

Assurance

On Christ, the Solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand. When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

**On Christ, the Solid Rock I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.**

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE           Lamentations 3:37-57

SERMON             "Test and Examine"           Rev. Dr. Aram Bae

SPECIAL MUSIC - Sometimes A Light Surprises, Curtis

PRAYERS OF LAMENT<sup>2</sup>

God, we find ourselves in a grievous position:

**On a warming planet,**

Wildfires burning,

**Icecaps melting,**

Soil degrading,

**Waters poisoning.**

Consumerist capitalism has so dazed and bound our society

**That we cannot perceive a way forward;**

We cannot get ourselves out of the trouble we are in.

**We have waited long and late.**

We are reaping the rewards of our inaction,

**Our efforts frustrated by corporate greed.**

We are sorrowful

**For the ways we have harmed our earth-home**

With our societal excesses and apathies,

**Our hunger for more, more, more,**

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<sup>1</sup> BCW; pg 578

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Our neglect of the needs of the poorest and least powerful,

**Our disregard for ecosystems.**

We lament the corporate greed that drives environmental destruction.

**We lament the industrial farming practices that harm the soil and waterways.**

We lament the industrial extraction of natural resources that destroys ecosystems.

**We lament the pollution with chemicals that harm humans, animal, waterways, and soil organisms.**

Help us now to do what we must

**To mitigate further harm.**

Help us to sacrifice convenience for the greater good -

**The good of future generations,**

The good of all humanity - not just a privileged few,

**The good of all of Earth's inhabitants.**

We know this work won't be easy:

**It will require a revolution of consciousness.**

We know it won't be quick;

**It will take decades of effort.**

We know it won't be popular;

**It will mean people have to make sacrifices.**

But, oh God, give us fortitude to do it anyway,

**To come back into alignment with Nature as you created it,**

And with your Spirit, who teaches us

**And inspires us to the good work of wholeness and justice.**

**Amen**

SUNG LORD'S PRAYER - Hymn 464

SENDING

OFFERING

*Tonight's monetary offerings will be received in the baskets as you exit.*

HYMN - Creator God, You Made the Earth (Gillette)

**Creator God, you made the earth,  
A gift beyond comparing!  
You called it good, you gave it worth,  
You placed it in our caring.**

**You gave your gift of Sabbath rest,  
Your pattern for creation.  
You give us times to heal, to bless,  
To join in celebration.**

**You give us Christ, who reconciled  
The things of earth and heaven.  
In him, you call each one your child!  
What wondrous love you've given!**

**Because we've turned away from you,  
Your world still needs your healing.  
Creation longs to be made new  
Through Christ, your love revealing.**

**God, by your Spirit, may we be  
Communities of caring,  
That as we're healed, your world may see  
The hope that we are sharing.**

BLESSING & CHARGE<sup>3</sup>

Go, and join the song of creation, singing out in praise to God.

Go and join the cries of creation, **yearning for healing.**

Go and work for the healing and wholeness of all the earth.

**Thanks be to God.**

SUNG RESPONSE - 596, You Are Holy

MUSICAL BLESSING

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<sup>3</sup> Book of Common Worship; 2018; Westminster John Knox Press; Service for the Care of Creation