



## ***AN EARTH LITURGY***

**EBENEZER METHODIST CHURCH, ST. GEORGE'S, BERMUDA**

**WORSHIP FOR CONNECTING THE DOTS.....**

**FAITH..... AND THE ENVIRONMENT #4**

**July 16, 2008**

### **Call to Worship:**

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

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

This we know: we did not weave the web of life,  
**we are merely a strand in it.**

This we know: whatever we do to the web of life,  
**we do to ourselves.**

Let us give thanks for the gift of creation,  
**let us give thanks that all things hold together in Christ.**

(Iona Community CGP 21T015)

Hymn: For beauty of prairies (*sung to St. Denio*)

### **Prayer:**

Creator God,  
you made all things,  
and all you made was very good.

Show us how to respect  
the fragile balance of life.

Guide by your wisdom those who have power  
to care for or to destroy the environment,  
that by the decisions they make,  
life may be cherished,  
and a good and fruitful earth  
be preserved for future generations.

Engage us in the process of discerning the choices  
that must be made, and grant us wisdom

to influence for good the decisions of our governments  
for the sake of all your creation.

We pray through Jesus Christ, who is the new creation. Amen. (CGP 21T017 adapted)

**Scripture:** 1 Timothy 6. 6-19

**Refreshments, Presentation and Discussion: Presented by civil servant  
responsible for integrating sustainability practices into Bermuda government  
policy on government action and proposals.**

**A Pledge for a New Beginning:**

We have forgotten who we are.  
We have alienated ourselves from the unfolding of the cosmos.  
We have become estranged from the movements of the earth.  
We have turned our backs on the cycles of life.

**We have forgotten who we are.**

We have sought only our own security.  
We have exploited simply for our own ends.  
We have distorted our knowledge.  
We have abused our power.

**We have forgotten who we are.**

Now the land is barren  
And the waters are poisoned  
And the air is polluted.

**We have forgotten who we are.**

Now the forests are dying  
And the creatures are disappearing  
And humans are despairing.

**We have forgotten who we are.**

We ask forgiveness.  
We ask for the gift of remembering.

We ask for the strength to change.

**We join with the earth and with each other.**

To bring new life to the land

To restore the waters

To refresh the air.

**We join with the earth and with each other.**

To renew the forests

To care for the plants

To protect the creatures.

**We join with the earth and with each other.**

To celebrate the seas

To rejoice in the sunlight

To sing the song of the stars.

**We join with the earth and with each other.**

To recreate the human community

To promote justice and peace

To remember our children.

**We join with the earth and with each other.**

**We join together as many and diverse expressions**

**of one loving mystery:**

**for the healing of the earth**

**and the renewal of all life.**

**AMEN**

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**Commissioning and benediction:**

Go out with joy and peace confident that by the grace of God the world may be redeemed from exploitation and greed through our dedication to God's will for wholeness and healing throughout the created order.

May the blessing of God creator, Christ and Spirit rest upon you now and always.

**Amen**