



EARTH DAY

MUSIC & WORSHIP RESOURCES

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Worship Planning Notes

The Creator has given the earth to us to fill it, to subdue it, and to have dominion over it (Genesis 1:28). God has blessed us with this wonderful creation and expects us to take care of it.

Paul says, "...Creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now" (Romans 8:22, NKJV). As we look around the world, we see that creation is suffering. We have taken our call to fill the land and answered it with landfills. We have taken the resources God has given us and have squandered them. This cannot continue. We cannot treat this planet as disposable just because God has promised us a better place. The call of dominion and stewardship still remains. We must answer that call. Why would God call us to a better place if we are such bad stewards of earth?

Our Creator is expecting the children of God to stand up and to take care of the earth to bring the Kingdom of God not just to churches, homes, and relationships, but to our environment, to nature, and to the animal kingdom.

This worship service can focus on three elements: God’s Character, God’s Creation, and God’s Call.

- Worship begins by being centered on God in all of God’s splendor and power. Worship must always be centered on the Creator. A celebration of God’s strength, power, and creativity begin the worship.
- The next element is God’s creation. This focuses on the handiwork of God and the wonderful gift of life and resources God has blessed us with.
- The last element of the service focuses on God’s call. God has called us to be stewards of the earth. We must do all in our power to keep God’s creation beautiful, to sustain it, and to bring the kingdom of God to earth while we wait for the new creation.

Create a Multi-Sensory Earth Day Worship Experience.

For a multi-sensory worship service, engage as many of the senses as possible.

- For sight, employ scenes of nature that display the creativity and power of God. Both still photographs and nature video clips can be used. (Free still photos can be found in the Microsoft Clip Art Gallery <http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/clipart/default.aspx>, and nature worship background videos can be purchased from sites such as: www.worshiploop.com; www.motionworship.com; and www.sermonspice.com.)
- To engage the sense of smell, nature-inspired incense or candles can be used in the service. They can be lit before service as a part of the ambience or could be lit as a part of worship (i.e., during the prayer or as a symbol of commitment). Also, fresh plants and flowers should fill the sanctuary, giving it the sight and smell of spring.
- To engage the sense of touch, mementos can be given out such as small pots with dirt and seeds for worshippers to plant at home. This will give them a constant reminder of their duty to the earth. (If the expense is too great for your church to purchase pots, seeds alone can be given.) Seed kits and potted plant kits can be found at ctainc.com or orientaltrading.com or at your nursery.
- To further engage the sense of sound, as a prelude to the service, nature sounds could be played. Several nature collections are available on CD. Many incorporate the sounds of nature and sacred music. An example of this is the “All Creation Sings” CD by Dino (see 11(c) below).
- And finally for taste, refreshments or a light reception could be held before or after church. Serve only fresh fruits and vegetables, juice, and water. Give worshipers the opportunity to taste the foods God prepared for them. If time and resources permit, a complete raw food potluck or dinner could be served. Menu and recipes ideas can be found at www.living-foods.com.

1. Litany and Congregational Readings

Litany

Leader: O Lord, our God, how excellent is your power in all the earth.

People: **We've come to worship you today.**

Leader: There is no place where your presence is not felt, where your power is not seen.

People: **We extol you, Lord, today.**

Leader: The mountains and trees, the birds and beasts are all a testament of your goodness.

People: **We thank you, God, today.**

Leader: You have made us a little lower than the angels and have given us dominion over the works of your hand. Forgive us for being disinterested stewards. Forgive us for placing our comforts before the care of your earth.

People: **Help us, Lord, we pray.**

Leader: Help us to be good stewards of your creation, a friend to humans and to beasts. Help us to respect and restore the beauty of this planet, spreading abroad the message that we can do more to save Mother Earth. Lord, give us wisdom to bring healing and to bring care to the planet. Lord, save us from our greed and carelessness. We do not want to leave a sick planet to our children and grandchildren and great grandchildren. Empower us to begin loving the earth right in our own homes and at our churches.

People: **Hear our prayer, today.**

Leader: O Lord, our God, how excellent is your power in all the earth. We will not take your creation for granted.

People: **We worship you today!**

Congregational Readings

(a) Taken from Psalms 96:4, 5; 19:1; 24:1, 2; 33:6, 9; 145:3, NKJV

Leader: For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: God is to be feared above all gods.

People: **For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens.**

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows the handiwork of God.

People: **The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.**

Leader: For God has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the waters.

People: **By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.**

Leader: For God spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

ALL: **Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.**

(b) Joel 2:21-24, 26, NKJV

Leader: Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice, For the LORD has done marvelous things!

People: **Do not be afraid, you beasts of the field; For the open pastures are springing up,**

Leader: And the tree bears its fruit; The fig tree and the vine yield their strength.

People: **Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the LORD your God;**

Leader: For Yahweh has given you the former rain faithfully, And will cause the rain to come down for you—the former rain, And the latter rain in the first month.

People: **The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, And the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil.**

Leader: You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, And praise the name of the LORD your God,

ALL: **Who has dealt wondrously with you; And My people shall never be put to shame.**

2. Hymns and Congregational Songs

(a) This Is My Father's World. By Maltbie D. Babcock. Tune, (TERRA BEATA), by Franklin L. Sheppard

(b) How Great Thou Art. Text and Tune, (O STORE GUD), by Stuart K. Hine

(c) Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee. By Henry van Dyke. Tune, (HYMN TO JOY), by Ludwig van Beethoven

(d) O Worship the King. By Robert Grant. Tune, (LYONS), from Wm. Gardiner's Sacred

Melodies, 1815

- (e) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty. By Joachim Neander. Tune, (LOBE DEN HERREN), by W. Sterndale Bennett

3. Spirituals or Traditional Songs

- (a) He's Got the Whole World in His Hand. Traditional. Tune, (WHOLE WORLD).
- (b) Great Day. By J.W. Work
- (c) View the Land. Spiritual
- (d) Make a Better World. By Earl King

4. Gospel Songs for Choirs, Praise Teams, or Children

- (a) Cover the Earth. By Cindy Cruse Ratcliff, Israel Houghton, and Melissa Houghton
- (b) In All the Earth. By Tyrone Dickerson and Kirk Wendell Whalum
- (c) High in All the Earth. By Andrea Clayton
- (d) Fill the Earth. By Ron Kenoly
- (e) God Made the Heavens and the Earth. By Kim Sipus and Mark Stitts. *This is a great arrangement for children.*

5. Liturgical Dance Music

- (a) Power of One. By Israel Houghton and Ricardo Sanchez
- (b) Save the World. By Raymond Dominic Reeder, Jr.
- (c) Back to Eden. By Donald Lawrence

6. Anthems

- (a) For the Beauty of the Earth. By F. S. Pierpoint. Arr. by John Rutter. *For SATB choir*
- (b) From All That Dwell Below the Skies. By David Shewoebel. *For SATB choir*
- (c) Achieved Is Thy Glorious Work. From "The Creation" by Franz Joseph Haydn

7. Modern Songs

- (a) Come to the Water. By Paul Baloche, Steven Curtis Chapman, Stuart Garrard, Israel Houghton, Tim Hughes, Graham Kendrick, Andy Park, Matt Redman, Martin Smith, Michael W. Smith, Chris Tomlin, and Darlene Zschech
- (b) Shout Praise. By Paul Baloche, Steven Curtis Chapman, Stuart Garrard, Israel Houghton,

Tim Hughes, Graham Kendrick, Andy Park, Matt Redman, Martin Smith, Michael W. Smith, Chris Tomlin, and Darlene Zschech

(c) All the Earth. By Andrew Ulugia and Wayne Huirua

(d) I Could Sing of Your Love Forever. By Martin James Smith

8. Offertory Song or Instrumental

(a) Offering. By Paul Baloche

(b) Give to the Lord. By Ron Kenoly

(c) Shout to the Lord. By Darlene Zschech

9. Song or Instrumental for the Period of Prayer

(a) In the Garden. Text and Tune, (GARDEN), by C. Austin Miles. *Instrumental*

(b) Rain on Our Fields/Pray for Rain. By David Binion and Reba Rambo-McGuire

(c) Be Blessed. By Kurt Carr

10. Sermonic Selection

(a) Heal the Land. By Vincent Gray

(b) We Change the World. By Babbie Mason and Cindy Sterling

(c) A World of Difference. By Babbie Mason

11. Invitational Song or Instrumental

(a) Use Me. By Dewitt Jones and Kim Jones

(b) Just as I Am. By Charlotte Elliott. Tune, (WOODWORTH), by William B. Bradbury

(c) Nature of Praise Medley. Arr. by Dino. *Instrumental-piano*

12. Benediction Song or Instrumental

(a) How Great Is Our God. By Chris Tomlin

(b) Till We Meet Again. By Kirk Franklin

(c) The Lord Bless You and Keep You. Text, Numbers 6:24-26. Tune by Peter Lutkin

13. Audio Visual Suggestions

(a) "Christians Go Green"

Location:

Online location: www.Sermonspice.com

(b) “Environmental Concerns”

Location:

Online location: www.Sermonspice.com

Cites and Additional Information for Music and Material Listed

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The New National Baptist Hymnal 21st Century Edition. Nashville, TN: Triad Publications, 2005. #41

The Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal. Hagerstown, MD: Review and Herald Publishing Association. 1985. #92

Church of God in Christ. Yes, Lord! Church of God in Christ Hymnal. Memphis, TN: Church of God in Christ Pub. Board in association with the Benson Co., 1982. #49

(b) How Great Thou Art. Text and Tune, (O STORE GUD), by Stuart K. Hine

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African American Heritage Hymnal. #148

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Bicentennial Hymnal. #47

Lead Me, Guide Me: The African American Catholic Hymnal. Chicago, IL: GIA Publications, 1987. #181

The New National Baptist Hymnal 21st Century Edition. #43

The Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal. #86

Yes, Lord! Church of God in Christ Hymnal. #39

(c) Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee. By Henry van Dyke. Tune, (HYMN TO JOY), by Ludwig van Beethoven

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #148

The New National Baptist Hymnal 21st Century Edition. #6

The Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal. #12

(d) O Worship the King. By Robert Grant. Tune, (LYONS), from Wm. Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815

Location:

The New National Baptist Hymnal 21st Century Edition. #9

The Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal. #83

(e) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty. By Joachim Neander. Tune, (LOBE DEN HERREN), by W. Sterndale Bennett

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #117

The New National Baptist Hymnal 21st Century Edition. #8

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3. Spirituals or Traditional Songs

(a) He's Got the Whole World in His Hand. Traditional. Tune, (WHOLE WORLD).

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #150

(b) Great Day. By J.W. Work

Location:

Work, John W. American Negro Songs: 230 Folk Songs and Spirituals, Religious and Secular. Mineola, NY: Dover Publications, 1998.

Online location: www.doverpublications.com

(c) View the Land. Spiritual

Location:

Online location: http://www.negrospirituals.com/news-song/view_the_land.htm

(d) Make a Better World. By Earl King

Location:

The Blind Boys of Alabama. Let's Make a Better World. Down in New Orleans. Des Moines, IA: Time-Life Music, 2008.

4. Gospel Songs for Choirs, Praise Teams, or Children

(a) Cover the Earth. By Cindy Cruse Ratcliff, Israel Houghton, and Melissa Houghton

Location:

Ratcliff, Cindy, Israel Houghton & Lakewood Church. Lakewood Live. Cover the Earth. Mobile, AL: Integrity, 2006.

(b) In All the Earth. By Tyrone Dickerson and Kirk Wendell Whalum

Location:

Whalum, Kirk. Gospel According to Jazz—Chapter 1. New York, NY: Word Entertainment, 1998.

(c) High in All the Earth. By Andrea Clayton

Location:

Jakes, T. D. Live from the Potter's House. Mobile, AL: Integrity, 1998.

(d) Fill the Earth. By Ron Kenoly

Location:

Fill the Earth. Orlando, FL: Next Generation Ministry Records, 2005.

(e) God Made the Heavens and the Earth. By Kim Sipus and Mark Stitts. *This is a great arrangement for children.*

Location:

Heaven's Sake Kids. Bible Songs. Portland, OR: Pamplin Music, 1997.

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Location:

Houghton, Israel. Power of One. Mobile, AL: Integrity, 2009.

(b) Save the World. By Raymond Dominic Reeder, Jr.

Location:

Adams, Yolanda. Save the World. New York, NY: Verity, 1997.

(c) Back to Eden. By Donald Lawrence

Location:

The Law of Confession, Part 1. New York, NY: Verity, 2009.

6. Anthems

(a) For the Beauty of the Earth. By F. S. Pierpoint. Arr. by John Rutter. *For SATB choir*

Location:

Hinshaw Music, Inc.
P.O. Box 470
Chapel Hill, NC 27514-0470
Phone: 1-800-568-7805
Product #HMC550

(b) From All That Dwell Below the Skies. By David Shewoebel. For SATB choir

Location:

Hinshaw Music, Inc.

Phone: 1-800-568-7805
Product #HMC1959

(c) Achieved Is Thy Glorious Work. From “The Creation” by Franz Joseph Haydn

Location:

Pine Forge Academy Choir. Rock in a Weary Land. Pine Forge, PA: Pine Forge Academy Choir, 2007.

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(a) Come to the Water. By Paul Baloche, Steven Curtis Chapman, Stuart Garrard, Israel Houghton, Tim Hughes, Graham Kendrick, Andy Park, Matt Redman, Martin Smith, Michael W. Smith, Chris Tomlin, and Darlene Zschech

Location:

Compassion Art Featuring Chris Tomlin, Martin Smith, Kirk Franklin, and the Watoto Children’s Choir. Compassion Art: Creating Freedom from Poverty. Brentwood, TN: Sparrow/Gloworks, 2009.

(b) Shout Praise. By Paul Baloche, Steven Curtis Chapman, Stuart Garrard, Israel Houghton, Tim Hughes, Graham Kendrick, Andy Park, Matt Redman, Martin Smith, Michael W. Smith, Chris Tomlin, and Darlene Zschech

Location:

Compassion Art Featuring Israel Houghton, Toby Mac, and Darlene Zschech. Compassion Art: Creating Freedom from Poverty. Brentwood, TN: Sparrow/Gloworks, 2009.

(c) All the Earth. By Andrew Ulugia and Wayne Huirua

Location:

Parachute Band. All the Earth. Mobile, AL: Integrity, 2005.

(d) I Could Sing of Your Love Forever. By Martin James Smith

Location:

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(a) Offering. By Paul Baloche

Location:

Mighty to Save. Mobile, AL: Integrity, 2007.

(b) Give to the Lord. By Ron Kenoly

Location:

Sing Out with One Voice. Mobile, AL: Integrity, 2008.

(c) Shout to the Lord. By Darlene Zschech

Location:

Kiss of Heaven. Sydney, Australia: Extravagant Worship, 2003.

9. Song or Instrumental for the Period of Prayer

(a) In the Garden. Text and Tune, (GARDEN), by C. Austin Miles. *Instrumental*

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #494

The New National Baptist Hymnal 21st Century Edition. #109

The Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal. #487

(b) Rain on Our Fields/Pray for Rain. By David Binion and Reba Rambo-McGuire

Location:

Binion, David and Nicole. The Sound of Heaven, Vol. 1. Flower Mound, TX: Sound of Heaven, 2002/2006.

(c) Be Blessed. By Kurt Carr

Location:

Morton, Bishop Paul S., Jr. Still Standing. Nashville, TN: Compendia, 2006.

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Location:

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(b) We Change the World. By Babbie Mason and Cindy Sterling

Location:

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(c) A World of Difference. By Babbie Mason

Location:

A World of Difference. Nashville, TN: Word, 1991.

11. Invitational Song or Instrumental

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Location:

Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir. Favorite Song of All. New York, NY: Columbia, 2002.

(b) Just as I Am. By Charlotte Elliott. Tune, (WOODWORTH), by William B. Bradbury

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #345

The New National Baptist Hymnal 21st Century Edition. #145

The Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal. #314

(c) Nature of Praise Medley. Arr. by Dino. Instrumental-piano

Location:

Dino. All Creation Sings. Franklin, TN: Benson, 1991.

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Kirk Franklin and the Family. Inglewood, CA: Gospocentric, 1993.

(c) The Lord Bless You and Keep You. Text, Numbers 6:24-26. Tune by Peter Lutkin

Location:

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