

We Worship Together (I-2)

Call to Worship – From Psalm 104

One: Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great.

All: From your lofty abode you water the mountains

One: The earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

All: You cause the grass to grow for the cattle and plants for people to cultivate, to bring forth food from the earth.

One: O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all.

All: May the glory of the LORD endure forever

One: May the LORD rejoice in his works—who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

All: Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

Call to Confession

We are called to care for creation and for each other and yet we fall short of God's desire. God listens to us, looks past our shortfalls and mistakes to see our hearts, and then lifts us to our feet to put us back on the path to life. Let us bring our prayers to the One who listens and then forgives us with unceasing grace.

Prayer of Confession

O God, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is around us and all that You have entrusted to us. We confess that we have taken the easy way of choosing to make our own lives comfortable and convenient without regarding all creation, all the other people and animals and plants and waters which you have created which inhabit this planet with us. We selfishly ignore the harm we are doing to Your creation, ignore that we are not the only creatures on this planet, ignore how our choices have consequences beyond our own lives. We have haughtily valued ourselves above others who are also Your children, fellow residents of this planet. Forgive us for being so self-centered. Forgive us for our excuses for not being the caretakers of creation that You desire. Forgive us for not loving what you have created enough to nurture and protect it. Help us to follow You, to tune our hearts

to Your words and Your ways. Teach us how to love one another and all of creation, to serve You by being excellent caretakers of this planet and all the inhabitants, to live in the reign of God on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Though we may have gone astray, God is waiting for us, and God is everywhere. God's presence knows no bounds. Wherever we are, we are at home with God. Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21.

Thus says the Lord,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down; they cannot rise;
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ Do not remember the former things
 or consider the things of old.
¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
²⁰ The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

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