

# Garden of Hope

a Hunger Emphasis Liturgy

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## Welcome

### Call to Worship

Creator God,  
maker of all things,  
including this planet  
in which we live,  
give us the grace to honor you  
by the choices we make to care  
for the earth  
and for all of her inhabitants. Amen.

### Prelude

### Meditation of Preparation

To live, we must daily break the body  
and shed the blood of creation.  
When we do it knowingly, lovingly,  
skillfully, reverently,  
it is a sacrament.  
When we do it ignorantly,  
greedily, destructively,  
it is a desecration.  
—Wendell Berry, "The Gift of Good Land"

### A Song of Praise

"For Beauty of Meadows"  
(*Chalice Hymnal*, #696 /  
*Celebrating Grace* hymnal, #666)  
Words: Walter H. Farquharson, 1969  
Music: Welsh folk melody (ST. DENIO) /  
The Sacred Harp, 1844; harm.  
Dwayne Davis (EXPRESSION)

### Pastoral Prayer for the Earth

### Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Genesis 1:28-30

### A Gift of Music

"For the Beauty of the Earth"  
Text: F. S. Pierpoint (1835-1917)  
Music: John Rutter  
SATB with keyboard / HI.HMC550,  
Hinshaw Music Inc.

### Reading from the Psalter

Psalms 24:1-6

### A Gift of Music

"God Has Work for Us to Do"  
Text: Carl P. Daw  
Music: Mark A. Miller  
SATB with Piano / CGA1288—  
Choristers Guild

### Reading from the Epistles

Romans 8:18-25

### Song of Preparation

"God In Such Love For Us Lent Us  
This Planet"  
Words: Fred Pratt Green, 1971  
© 1982, The Hymn Society  
Music: A LA PUERTA,  
New Mexican folk song;  
adapt. Lee Hastings Bristol, 1961  
(*Chalice Hymnal*, #444)

### Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-16

### Sermon

### Preparation for the Table

When we meet together to break and  
share bread, where all kneel side by side  
and receive—as it were—of the same  
loaf, then we are acting out in miniature

what God desires for creation. It is, in  
its own small and local way, a fleeting  
but true foretaste of the longed-for  
universality of the Kingdom. Moreover,  
we are taking the products of the earth  
and doing with them what is intended;  
offering them back to their Creator  
thankfully, and sharing them equally.  
Each Eucharist, whatever else it may  
be, is a sign of our desire to redress the  
balance.

—Michael Mayne, *The Enduring Melody*

### Invitation to the Table

Come, then, to the Table of the Lord, and  
remember God's gifts to us. May we be  
healed, strengthened and emboldened  
by these gifts to become the peace of  
Christ within ourselves, within our own  
faith community and across the global  
community to all the Earth and her  
creatures.

### Hymn of Commitment

"We Are Not Our Own"  
(*Chalice Hymnal*, #689)  
Words: Brian Wren, 1987  
Music: Brian Wren, 1987; arr. Fred  
Graham (YARNTON)

or

"God, Who Touches Earth with Beauty"  
(*Chalice Hymnal*, #514)  
Words: Mary S. Edgar, 1925, alt.  
Music: Carl Harold Lowden, 1925  
(GENEVA)

Alternative Tune:

BUTLER, in *The Baptist Hymnal* [1991],  
#500 / CCLI Song No. 6111696  
Music: Aubrey Lee Butler, b. 1933;  
arr. Anna Laura Page, b. 1943

### Litany of Sending

ONE: We have faith in One God,  
One Source of all life.

MANY: *One Ground of the whole earth,  
with all its creatures.*

ONE: And thus we believe  
in the goodness of earth's life,

MANY: *In the innate worth of all its  
dependents, and in human  
partnership with nature.*

ONE: And thus we believe  
that in Christ we have been  
shown the special role of the  
human race:

MANY: *To bear God's likeness  
in working and caring for the earth,*

ONE: In seeking to understand its  
mysteries and powers, in gently  
working with these powers

MANY: *For the well-being of all  
children of the earth.*

ONE: And thus we believe  
MANY: *That God's spirit will lead us to  
sensitivity and communion with  
earth's life,*

ONE: To that meek, unselfish and  
compassionate lifestyle  
by which the earth is inherited  
in peace,

MANY: *By which its life is transformed  
for all creatures to share justly in  
its bounty.*

ALL: So be it. Amen.

—adapted from "Caring for the Earth," a  
responsive reading, *Chalice Hymnal* #694)

### Postlude

art by Sally Lynn Askins

# Hunger Activities

by Kristin Waites

## Hunger Quiz Instructions:

Think you know about hunger issues? Take this quiz to test your knowledge! Once you have answered all of the questions, unscramble the letters of the correct answers to discover the secret word! (Check your answers below or on the hunger statistics page if you aren't sure.) Once you've discovered the word, do some research to see why it's important in ending hunger and what you can do to help. (Hint: the secret word is also one of the terms in the word search!)

- One in \_\_\_ Americans does not have enough food.  
D. five E. two F. six G. eight
- True or False: The lack of adequate nutrition during early childhood can affect cognitive, physical and behavioral development.  
S. True T. False
- Approximately how much of the population in developing countries is undernourished?  
O. 15 percent P. 20 percent Q. 10 percent R. 5 percent
- How many US dollars does it cost per day to provide a child with all of the vitamins and nutrients he or she needs to grow up healthy?  
A. \$1.30 B. \$5.75 C. \$0.25 D. \$7.50
- How many people in the world do not have enough to eat?  
A. 50 million B. 100 million C. 500 million D. 805 million
- 1.345 billion people in developing countries live on \_\_\_ per day or less.  
N. \$0.40 O. \$1.25 P. \$1.00 Q. \$0.75
- 80 percent of the stunted children in the world live in just \_\_\_ countries.  
S. 47 T. 8 U. 20 V. 14
- One in \_\_\_ people will go to bed hungry tonight.  
C. eight D. six E. ten F. five
- True or False: There is enough food in the world to provide everyone with enough nourishment.  
E. True F. False
- How many people live in food-insecure households in the United States?  
Q. 30 million R. 49 million S. 12 million T. 73 million

Correct answers: 1-F, 2-S, 3-O, 4-C, 5-D, 6-O, 7-U, 8-E, 9-E, 10-R  
Secret Word: Food rescue

FOOD DESERT  
FOOD RESCUE  
FOOD SECURITY  
GARDENING  
HUNGER  
MALNUTRITION  
SNAP  
STUNTING  
UNDERWEIGHT  
WASTING

H K N E C F Z I X K D O N L Y  
U X O T Y W K K U G S P W Q P  
J K I R C F B F T N I K S F U  
Z H T E Z S S O F I G M T O N  
F E I S V E S G Y N N V U O D  
U C R E J Y K C N E I A N D E  
Y S T D G K F A T D T O T R R  
H B U D N H H G I R S G I E W  
B E N O Z G U T N A A H N S E  
C S L O O C H N S G W H G C I  
P S A F X L P B G V F T N U G  
P O M I J T Z A M E X G M E H  
D Y B W D Q E Y N V R T H H T  
U S Y T I R U C E S D O O F B  
Q T P L B Q N R W L B Y U S C

## Word Search Instructions:

Circle the terms from the list in the word search above. They may be forwards or backwards, as well as up, down, or diagonal. Once you've found all of the words, look up the ones you don't know in the hunger glossary online at [seedspublishers.org](http://seedspublishers.org).

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