

A Liturgy for Stewardship Sunday November 2, 2014

Call to Worship

Leader: Creator God, you created the heavens and the earth.

People: We thank you, O God, for the heavens and the earth.

Leader: You created the oceans and dry land.

People: We thank you, O God, for the oceans and dry land.

Leader: You created the plants and animals.

People: We thank you, O God, for the plants and animals.

Leader: You created us and called us to be stewards of your creation.

People: We thank you, O God, that you created us. Empower us to be good stewards of what you have entrusted to us.

Call to Confession

God has entrusted all of creation to us. We are to be good stewards of creation. Look around us. We have fallen short of God's call. Let us pray for God's forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

Creator God. We have fallen short of your calling to be good stewards of your creation. We ask for your forgiveness. In our asking, we also ask that you teach us to care for the good earth, the birds of the air, the trees and flowers and all of your creation. We want to be good stewards of what you have entrusted to us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God has forgiven. God has not given up on us. We are called to be good stewards. Let us work together to be good stewards of God's creation. Let us also be good stewards of our time and talents given to us by God.

Prayers for Illumination

Almighty God open our ears so we may hear your word. Open our hearts so we may understand your word. Open our hands and give us strength to respond to your word. Amen.

Scripture Possibilities for the Sermon

Genesis: 1 & 2

Prayers of the People

O God, we come to you a troubled people. You have called us to be good stewards and we have failed to care for all of creation. Teach us, empower us, to be good stewards, whereby future generations can enjoy the abundance of creation that you have entrusted to us.

So many people are ill and fighting disease. Touch them, relieve their misery, heal them and make them whole.

Many people are struggling just to make it through this day. Be with them during their time of need. May your presence give them peace and comfort.

God of peace, there is so much unrest throughout our world. Help us to understand those who are different. Let us celebrate our differences while respecting one another. May we work for peace in our streets and throughout the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

All that we have belongs to God. We are called to be good stewards. May we give back to God what has been given to us; not only financial resources but also our time and talents. God uses our offerings to make this a better world in which to live. Let us commit ourselves, giving ourselves to God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God you have richly blessed us in so many ways, and we give you thanks, especially for your son, Jesus Christ. We give back to you what you have entrusted to us. We also commit ourselves to you. Use our offerings to spread your message of love for one another and for all of creation. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Charge and Blessing

In the name of God, go forth and be good stewards. Love one another and all of creation, caring for one another and being good stewards of what God has entrusted to us. Amen.