

Morning Prayer 2 – Presbyterians for Earth Care
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Opening based on Isaiah 43:1

But now says the Holy One,
the one who created you, O Jacob,
the one who formed you, O Israel:
“Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.”

Hymn “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” Charles Wesley, 1740

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o’er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:17-18 (NRSV)

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to [God’s self] through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

A pause for meditation and prayer upon the scripture...

Other Voices Sallie McFague (1933-2019)

In prayer a reversal occurs: we do not talk about God and the world
but begin to see ourselves and the world in God.
We begin to see human life and the world from the divine perspective,
from a broader and more inclusive point of view
than we are otherwise capable of holding.
We begin to recognize who we are in the scheme of things
from the perspective of the Creator and Redeemer of everything that is.
We are no longer the center (a definition of sin);
we know God as the Center (a definition of salvation).

Marga Buhrig (1915-2002)

What can I do for justice, peace, creation?

To learn a new love for life, my life, part of creation,
related to everything that lives and moves.
To let myself be challenged when I see around me
human destruction of the world.
To break through the veil of deception
that hides from my eyes brutal facts.
And to resist wherever I can, with subversive power.

Prayer

Jurgen Moltmann

Triune God,
unite with yourself your torn and divided world,
and let us all be one in you,
one with your whole creation,
which praises and glorifies you
and in you is happy. Amen.

Blessing

Today, in Christ,
you are a new creation.
Today, in Christ,
the creation itself is made new.
With Christ's own courage and compassion
may you begin your new life
in this new creation
today.