

A Liturgy of the Outdoors

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Leader Creating God, we give you thanks for the gift of life.
Speaker/Group 1 For each breath which fills our bodies;
Speaker/Group 2 The hours of each day which are set before us,
ALL The splendor of your abundant creation
That surrounds and provides an earthly home.

Leader We praise you for the many ways you come to us,
Still creating, still speaking, ever faithful.
Speaker/Group 1 In each sunrise and sunset,
Each forest, mountain, desert and sea;
Each shore and valley, farm and city;

Speaker/Group 2 In the changing of the seasons;
In each season of our lives;
In each and every heart that beats upon this planet.

ALL Your wonders are too magnificent for us.
What are we that you are mindful of us?
Yet, you invite us to your table of grace, a feast of plenty
As guests and friends.

Leader Loving God, in the ways that you care for us,
Help us care for the things you love.
Speaker/Group 1 For your church which calls us together,
Speaker/Group 2 For children, youth and adults who share life's journey.
ALL For outdoor places which stretch our souls and minds.

Leader We pray for the sacred spaces of our camps today,
And for the ministry of each camper, counselor and
staff member.

ALL In this special human community, welcoming God,
May you find a home for faith to grow and hope to be shared.
In the name of the one who came to stable, shore and hillside
To bring good news to hungry hearts.
Amen.



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