

Living Faithfully into a New Climate

Hymns for Creation

A resource in support of church education and engagement on the road from the September 2014 United Nations Climate Summit to the December 2015 international climate change negotiations (COP21).

*With excerpts from **Living Ecological Justice: A Biblical Response to the Environmental Crisis (CPJ, 2013).***



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*The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it.*

Psalm 24: 1

Introduction

Creation Advocacy and Care. Through a sense of wonder with creation we are invited to seek insights into God's will for a just society, a fair economy, and a flourishing land. Creation care rests on biblical foundations uniting spirituality with scientific, ecological, and political insights into dynamic and energizing relationship.



Creation advocacy sets its sights on God's vision of an abundant and ecologically flourishing life for all creatures; it aligns itself with God's passionate work in the world, enacting the divine purpose through faithful worship, engaged community, and prophetic action.

The Climate Crisis. It is now widely accepted that the massive increase in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are largely the result of human activity. And, as the concentration of GHGs continues to grow, climate change is causing the rising of sea levels, species extinction, and glacial melting. Agrarian and fisheries-based livelihoods are threatened by extreme and volatile weather, resulting in conflict over natural resources, food insecurity, hunger and poverty.

The [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change](#) has clearly stated that in order to limit global warming to 2°C above pre-industrial levels — the threshold for “dangerous climate change” — most known fossil fuel reserves must stay underground.

The Road from New York to Paris. In response to this global crisis, United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has invited Heads of State along with business, finance, and civil society leaders to a Climate Summit on September 23, 2014, in New York. The [UN Climate Summit](#) is part of a global effort to mobilize action and ambition on climate change. It comes just one year before countries aim to conclude a global climate agreement at the 21st meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP21) in Paris through the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

A Role for Faith Communities. Union Theological Seminary in New York will hold the [Religions for the Earth Conference](#), September 19-21. Alongside the UN Climate Summit, the World Council of Churches and Religions for Peace will organize an [Interfaith Summit on Climate Change](#), September 21-22, also in New York, in order to highlight the specific contributions that faith traditions bring to the international climate debate. And environmentalists active in the 350.org movement are planning the biggest March New York has ever seen.

A Call to Engagement and Action. To have an impact on the climate agenda, action needs to happen at all levels. As key leaders meet in New York, their efforts will be supported by grassroots activities around the world. Canadian Christians are urged to get involved.

“Living Faithfully into a New Climate” is a package of materials assembled by Citizens for Public Justice, a member of the Canadian Council of Churches (CCC) Commission on Justice and Peace, that aims to assist Canadian faith communities to highlight the importance of the September 2014 events, and also to enable increased engagement in creation advocacy and care as we move towards the December 2015 COP21 meeting in Paris. It is our hope that these resources can be used in the worship activities of all of the 25 member Christian denominations of the CCC.

“Living Faithfully into a New Climate” includes a wide variety of resources that can be used as part of Sunday worship or to support additional learning opportunities in communities of faith. All are centred around responding to God’s call to care for creation.

- A Bible Study on Creation Advocacy and Care
- Sermon Notes for September 21, 2014
- Hymns for Creation (this document)
- Prayers of Intercession
- Activities for Youth and Young Adults
- Additional Activities
- A Living Faithfully into a New Climate Infographic (available at cpj.ca/climate)

All of these materials are as PDFs at cpj.ca/climate. Text-only versions of these resources (except the infographic) are also available.



Hymns for Creation

As part of your engagement on “The Road to a New Climate Deal,” you are invited to sing praises. Here is a short list of suggested hymns. The chart includes some of the most common mainline hymn books, and the lists that follow other hymnals in which these pieces are contained.

CP = Common Praise, 1998 (ACC)
 LU = Lift Up Your Hearts, 2013 (CRCNA)
 PH = Psalter Hymnal, Gray (CRCNA)
 ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship, 2006 (ELCIC)
 WB = Hymnal: A Worship Book, 1992 (MCC)
 WS = Worship in Song: A Friends Hymnal, 1996 (Quaker)
 BP = Book of Praise 1997 (PCC)
 CBW = Catholic Book of Worship III (RC)
 G3 = Gather – 3rd Edition (RC)
 VU = Voices United, 1996 (UCC)

	CP	LU	PH	ELW	WB	WS	BP	CB W	G3	VU
All Praise to You / Stewards of the Earth								634		297
All Things Bright and Beautiful	416	20	435		156	1	435			291
For Beauty of Prairies										303
For the Healing of the Nations	576	289					736	503	803	678
Give Thanks, My Soul, For Harvest							805			522
God of the Sparrow	414			740			307			229
God, whose farm is all creation	261			734	391			537		300
How Can I Keep from Singing / My Life Flows On	401	443		763	580	245			427	716
How Great Thou Art	423	553	483	856		8		554	578	238
Into the Unshaped Silence										305
The Earth and All Who Breath										295
This Is God’s Wondrous World / This is my Father’s World		21	436	824	154	29	328			296
This is holy ground						152				
Touch the Earth Gently / Touch the Earth Lightly		18		739					805	307
What Does the Lord Require of You	171	713			409					701
You Call Us, Lord to Be	450									

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Baptist Hymnal 1991 #46
 Celebrating Grace Hymnal #23
 Chalice Hymnal #61
 Church Family Worship #266
 Church Hymnal, Fifth Edition #25
 Church Hymnary (4th ed.) #137b
 Church Hymnary (4th ed.) #137a
 Complete Anglican Hymns Old & New #25
 Complete Mission Praise #23
 Glory to God: the Presbyterian Hymnal #20
 Hymnal 1982: according to the use of the Episcopal Church #405
 Hymns Ancient & Modern, New Standard Edition #116
 Hymns for a Pilgrim People #35
 Hymns for Today's Church (2nd ed.) #283b
 Hymns for Today's Church (2nd ed.) #283a
 Hymns of the Saints: Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints #18
 Hymns of Truth & Light #63
 Hymns Old and New: New Anglican #21
 Presbyterian Hymnal: hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs #267
 Rejoice in the Lord #15
 Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal #93
 Sing Glory: Hymns, Psalms and Songs for a New Century #294
 Sing Joyfully #65
 Songs for Life #90
 The Christian Life Hymnal #243
 The Christian Life Hymnal #244
 The Covenant Hymnal: a worshipbook #60
 The Hymnal for Worship and Celebration #578
 The New Century Hymnal #31
 The United Methodist Hymnal #147
 The Worshiping Church #57
 Together in Song: Australian Hymn Book II #135
 Trinity Hymnal (Rev. ed.) #120
 With One Voice #767
 Worship and Rejoice #30

For the Healing of the Nations

Celebrating Grace Hymnal #698
 Chalice Hymnal #668
 Church Hymnal, Fifth Edition #496
 Church Hymnary (4th ed.) #706
 Complete Anglican Hymns Old & New #190
 Glory to God: the Presbyterian Hymnal #346

Hymns Ancient & Modern, New Standard Edition #361
 Hymns from the Four Winds: A Collection of Asian American Hymns #54
 Hymns Old and New: New Anglican #139
 Scripture Song Database #1017
 Sing and Rejoice!: new hymns for congregations #26
 Sing Glory: Hymns, Psalms and Songs for a New Century #261
 The Covenant Hymnal: a worshipbook #724
 The New Century Hymnal #576
 The United Methodist Hymnal #428

God of the Sparrow

A New Hymnal for Colleges and School #57
 Chalice Hymnal #70
 찬송과 예배 Come, Let Us Worship: The Korean-English Presbyterian Hymnal and Service Book #59
 Glory to God: the Presbyterian Hymnal #22
 Hymnal Supplement II #38
 Hymns for a Pilgrim People #32
 Hymns of Truth & Light #98
 Presbyterian Hymnal: hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs #272
 The New Century Hymnal #32
 The United Methodist Hymnal #122
 Worship and Rejoice #29

God, whose form is all creation

Church Hymnal, Fifth Edition #41
 Church Hymnary (4th ed.) #226
 Complete Anglican Hymns Old & New #241
 Hymns Ancient & Modern, New Standard Edition #370
 Hymns for Today's Church (2nd ed.) #282
 Hymns Old and New: New Anglican #179
 Sing Glory: Hymns, Psalms and Songs for a New Century #302
 The Covenant Hymnal: a worshipbook #635
 Together in Song: Australian Hymn Book II #159

How Can I Keep from Singing

Celebrating Grace Hymnal #592
 Chalice Hymnal #619
 Church Hymnary (4th ed.) #565
 Glory to God: the Presbyterian Hymnal #821
 Sing the Faith #2212
 The Covenant Hymnal: a worshipbook #469
 The Faith We Sing #2212
 The New Century Hymnal #476
 With One Voice #781
 Worship and Rejoice #424

How Great Thou Art

African American Heritage Hymnal #148
 Baptist Hymnal 1991 #10
 Baptist Hymnal 2008 #6
 Celebrating Grace Hymnal #323
 Celebration Hymnal #147
 Chalice Hymnal #33
 Christian Worship: a Lutheran hymnal #256
 Church Hymnal, Fifth Edition #32
 Church Hymnary (4th ed.) #154
 Complete Anglican Hymns Old & New #522
 Complete Mission Praise #506
 Glory to God: the Presbyterian Hymnal #625
 Hymns for a Pilgrim People #27
 Hymns of Faith #2
 Hymns Old and New: New Anglican #380
 Lead Me, Guide Me (2nd ed.) #405
 Lift Every Voice and Sing II: an African American hymnal #60
 Lift Up Your Hearts: psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs #553
 Lutheran Service Book #801
 Presbyterian Hymnal: hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs #467
 Renew! #250
 Revival Hymns and Choruses #49
 Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal #86
 Sing Glory: Hymns, Psalms and Songs for a New Century #56
 Sing Joyfully #16
 Sing With Me #150
 The Book of Hymns (A fresh anthology of favourite hymns) #15
 The Christian Life Hymnal #27
 The Covenant Hymnal: a worshipbook #8
 The Hymnal for Worship and Celebration #4
 The United Methodist Hymnal #77
 The Worshipping Church #21
 Together in Song: Australian Hymn Book II #155
 Trinity Hymnal (Rev. ed.) #44
 Worship and Rejoice #51

This Is God's Wondrous World / This is my Father's World

African American Heritage Hymnal #149
 Baptist Hymnal 1991 #43
 Baptist Hymnal 2008 #46
 Celebrating Grace Hymnal #17
 Celebration Hymnal #143
 Chalice Hymnal #59

Glory to God: the Presbyterian Hymnal #370
 Hymnal 1982: according to the use of the Episcopal Church #651
 Hymns of Faith #16
 Hymns of the Saints: Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints #52
 Hymns of Truth & Light #60
 Lead Me, Guide Me (2nd ed.) #406
 Presbyterian Hymnal: hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs #293
 Rejoice in the Lord #14
 Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal #92
 Sing Joyfully #40
 Sing With Me #62
 Songs for Life #95
 The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Bicentennial Hymnal #14
 The Christian Life Hymnal #237
 The Covenant Hymnal: a worshipbook #57
 The Hymnal for Worship and Celebration #58
 The United Methodist Hymnal #144
 The Worshiping Church #384
 Together in Song: Australian Hymn Book II #149
 Trinity Hymnal (Rev. ed.) #111
 Worship and Rejoice #21

This is holy ground

Baptist Hymnal 2008 #71
 Celebration Hymnal #217
 Lead Me, Guide Me (2nd ed.) #429
 The Christian Life Hymnal #67
 The Covenant Hymnal: a worshipbook #509

Touch the Earth Gently (Touch the earth lightly)

Chalice Hymnal #693
 Church Hymnary (4th ed.) #243
 Glory to God: the Presbyterian Hymnal #713
 The New Century Hymnal #569
 Together in Song: Australian Hymn Book II #668
 Worship and Rejoice #38

What Does the Lord Require of You

Celebrating Grace Hymnal #690
 Chalice Hymnal #661
 The Faith We Sing #2174

You Call Us, Lord to Be

Worship and Rejoice #583

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We at CPJ hope you have found these resources useful, educational, and inspiring towards your pursuit of climate justice.

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