

A Prayer for Our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live as siblings, harming no one.
O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.

Pope Francis

Sung Response 250

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY EXECUTIVE ORDERS. If you or your loved ones have been personally affected by the recent executive orders related to federal workers, DEI initiatives, immigration, transgender identity and care, and more, your church is here for you! If you would like to participate in a support group, please contact the church office or Donna Dettling, donna.dettling@gmail.com for the link. The group will meet on Tuesdays, at 5 p.m. on Zoom. In the meantime, you are always encouraged to contact your Deacon directly and/or make an appointment through the church office to meet with Pastor Gusti.

QUAKER MID-WEEK WORSHIP, Wednesdays, 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary and Zoom. A guided meditation followed by silent worship. Contact the church office for Zoom link.

NONVIOLENT RESISTANCE TRAINING, Sunday, May 4, 3:00 p.m., Mountain Community Center, 58 Mission Road, Harpers Ferry. Hosted by SPC member Stewart Acuff and Blue Ridge Mountain Community Resources in conjunction with Hope in Alliance. No registration required.

THE PRAYERNET is available to share your joys and concerns throughout the week. To share your prayers with the PrayerNet and/or to join the PrayerNet, contact prayernet@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org.