

Seeds of Hope

Peace Forum Sunday Morning Worship
Sunday, 18 October 2026, 10:30 a.m. Central Time

Bunda Chibwe, First Presidency, presiding
Harmonium, a Graceland Choir, Guest Musicians
Beth Christensen, Guest Musician
Daniel Harmon, Guitar



Welcome and Call to Action

*Hymn *Community of Christ Sings* (CCS) 98, “All Creatures of Our God and King”

*Opening Prayer

*Response

Reading from “Only One Earth,” a United Nations Environment Programme publication

Time of Sharing

Hymn CCS 102, “Earth and All Stars”

**Disciples’ Generous Response - Offertory Music, Beth Christensen

***Ministry of Music - *Harmonium*, Graceland University Chamber Choir

Message of Hope - President Stassi Cramm

*Hymn CCS 652, “May the God of Hope” - *see attached*

*Sending Forth Responsive Reading

Leader: The earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep. A great wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then, God created light, and it was good.

All: The earth, lovingly created as an environment for life to flourish, shudders in distress.

Leader: God gathered the waters under the sky into one place, and the dry land appeared. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters Seas. And it was good.

All: We see creation’s natural and living systems are becoming exhausted from carrying the burden of human greed and conflict.

Leader: God brought forth vegetation, plants and trees of every kind. God created birds to fly above the earth and living creatures of every kind. And God made humans in God's own image, and God blessed them. And it was good.

Age 50 and Under: We are called to compassionate and just actions to abolish poverty and end needless suffering and to pursue peace on and for the Earth.

Age 51 and Over: Let us not be separated from this mission. For it reveals divine intent for personal, societal, and environmental salvation; a fullness of gospel witness for creation's restoration.

Leader: And God saw everything that had been made, and indeed, it was very good.

—Genesis 1:1-2:3 and Doctrine and Covenants 163, 164, and 165 (adapted)

*Postlude

**Indicates please stand*

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********Harmonium*, a Graceland choir, is under the direction of Leah Wyman-Musick, DMA, Assistant Professor, Director of Choral and Vocal Studies, Graceland University, Lamoni IA.

Only One Earth

Reader 1: We have forgotten who we are. We have alienated ourselves from the unfolding cosmos. We have become estranged from the movements of the Earth. We have turned our backs on the cycles of life. We have sought our own security. We have exploited for our own ends. We have abused our power.

Reader 2: We have forgotten who we are.

Reader 1: Now the land is barren, and the waters are poisoned, and the air is polluted.

Reader 3: We have forgotten who we are.

Reader 1: Now the forests are dying, and the creatures are disappearing, and humans are despairing.

Reader 2: We have forgotten who we are.

Reader 1: We ask forgiveness. We ask for the gift of remembering. We ask for the strength to change.

Reader 2: We have forgotten who we are.

Reader 1: To bring a new life to the land, to restore the waters, to refresh the air.

Reader 2: We have forgotten who we are.

Reader 1: To renew the forests, to care for the plants, to protect the creatures.

Reader 3: We have forgotten who we are.

Reader 1: To celebrate the seas, to rejoice in the sunlight, to sing the song of the stars.

Reader 4: We have forgotten who we are.

Reader 1: To recreate the human community, to promote justice and peace, to remember our children.

Reader 2: We have forgotten who we are.

Reader 1: We join together as many and diverse expressions of one loving mystery:

All: For the healing of the earth and the renewal of all life.

—“Only One Earth,” a United Nations Environment Programme publication for “Environmental Sabbath/Earth Rest Day,” June 1990. digitallibrary.un.org