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# Hope and Healing for All

## Restoring and Redeeming Creation

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*As surely the rain comes forth to water the earth, God's mercy comes to us as a gift, abundant and freely given. The same God who created the cosmos and raised Jesus from death to life brings healing and forgiveness to the world today. You are loved, you are restored. In Christ, you are made new.*

**"Words of Assurance"**

Liturgy for Earthkeeping  
Dakota Road Music

Genesis 1:31; - *And God saw all that he had made, and it was very good* - is how humankind, and all of creation began. Creation was perfect, in relationship with God and all living things. We have messed up, over and over, and that perfect relationship no longer exists.

Christ was sent to right that relationship because we cannot do it by ourselves. Christ came so our relationship with God and all creation - that which is so intricately designed to be a mind boggling whole, a system where all works together - can be healed. You, we, are all made new. We think too small if our pronouns only refer to humanity. Our God created so much more, all loved, all needing healing.

*Creator God,*

*we thank you for this marvelous web of life and for your gift of grace. Give us the wisdom and the will to care for all that you have so lovingly made.*

*Amen*

