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EarthCare Covenant
Congregational Version

Words based on
Unity Worldwide Ministries'
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EarthCare from Unity Worldwide Ministries

Unity Worldwide Ministries offers an EarthCare program, which helps spiritual communities "to foster awareness of our spiritual oneness with the Earth and to promote active care of all creation."

UWM has created an EarthCare Covenant expressing the ideas in the EarthCare program. On the UWM website the ideas are expressed in plural. Melissa has written a song that can be used to reinforce the ideas in the EarthCare Covenant, and as part of an EarthCare Covenant ceremony. The song is available from UWM's Online Music Library as a congregational song, a solo and an SSA choral arrangement. In Vagi's song, the ideas are is expressed in singular. Here is the original EarthCare Covenant:

Our consciousness reveals that all of creation is connected as one.

The story of creation reveals that we are to be good caregivers of the creation.

As a people of faith, we commit to a renewed reverence for life and respect for the interdependent web of all existence.

We honor our spiritual commitment to the care, support and defense of the balance between our individual needs and those of nature.

We envision a world in which everything has intrinsic value and where all beings are assured a secure and meaningful life that is ecologically responsible and sustainable.

We agree to transform our individual and congregational lives into acts of moral witness, discarding harmful habits for new behaviors that demonstrate our respect for this harmony and interconnectedness.

We declare our covenant with God to walk upon the Earth for the greatest good of all creation.

This song can also be used for Thanksgiving and National Days services, for Nature Retreats, and for general use.

More information can be found at: https://www.unityworldwideministries.org/sites/unityworldwideministries.org/files/EarthCareProgram.pdf

The address of the Online Music Library is: http://www.heartwindmusic.com/unwomionchli.html

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Moving forward ♩ = 80

Chorus

I de - clare my cov - e - nant with God   To walk up - on the

earth   For the great - est good,   for the great - est good,

(Great - est Good)   (Great - est Good)

Verse 1

I am con - nect - ed to all that

is,_____ And I will share in the care of cre-a-tion To faith-ful-ly re-new the

rev'-rence for life,

God   To walk up-on the earth   For the great-est good,   for the great-est

(Great-est Good)

Verse 2

And I will

hon - our my spir - it's com - mit - ment To care, sup - port and de - fend The

bal - ance be - tween my own life,___

48 F   Verse 3   B♭   C⁷⁽ˢᵘˢ⁴⁾   C⁷   C   F

I'll   be   a   wit - ness   to   acts   of   kind - ness   Dis - card - ing

51 B♭   C⁷⁽ˢᵘˢ⁴⁾   C⁷   C   F   B♭ *rit.*   Dm

thoughts   that   are   harm - ful   and   care - less.   To   live   in   har - mo - ny,   in   a
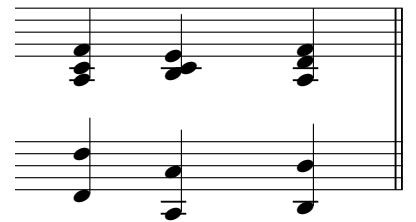
rit.

54 Dm   C   B♭

world,   that's   se - cure,

Coda

rit.   F   C⁷   Dm

The   great - est

rit.

67   B♭   Gm   F   Dm⁷   C   F

good   of   all   cre - a - tion.

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Chorus

I de-clare my cov-e-nant with God   To walk up-on the earth   For the great-est good,   for the great-est good,

Verse 1

I am con-nect-ed to all that is,___ And I will share in the care of cre-a-tion   To faith-ful-ly re-new the rev'-rence for life,

Verse 2

And I will hon-our my spir-it's com-mit-ment   To care, sup-port and de-fend   The

36 B♭   Dm   Dm C

bal-ance be-tween my own life,_

F   Verse 3   B♭   C⁷(sus4) C⁷   C   F

I'll be a wit-ness to acts of kind-ness Dis-card-ing

51 B♭   C⁷(sus4) C⁷   C   F   *rit.* B♭   Dm   Dm C   B♭

thoughts that are harm-ful and care-less. To live in har mo-ny, in a world, that's se-cure,

Coda

F C⁷ Dm   B♭ Gm   F Dm⁷   C F

The great-est good of all cre-a-tion.

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Capo 3rd fret

Chorus

4/4 |G   Bm |Bm   A |G |G   Bm |A ||

I de-

D   G |A |Bm   G |D |

clare my cov - e -nant with God   To walk up- on the earth   For the great - est

A |Bm

good,   for   the great - est good,

D   Verse 1 ||G   A⁷(sus4)   A⁷ |

I   am   con - nect - ed   to   all   that

D |G   A⁷(sus4) A⁷ |A D |G   Bm |

is___ And I will share in the care of cre - a -tion   To faith -ful - ly re - new the

Bm   A   G

rev'- rence   for life,

Verse 2 ||G   A⁷(sus4)   A⁷ |D |

And   I   will   hon -our   my spir -it's com - mit - ment   To

G   F#m | G | G   Bm |
care,   sup - port and de - fend   The bal - ance be -tween my

Bm A   G
own life_____

D   **Verse 3** | G   A$^{7(sus4)}$A^7 | A   D |
             I'll be a   wit -ness to acts   of kind - ness   Dis - card - ing

                                                            rit.

G   A$^{7(sus4)}$ A^7 | A   D | G   Bm |
thoughts that are harm - ful and care - less.   To live in har - mo -ny, in a

Bm   A   G
world,   that's se - cure. -

     rit.

Coda   D A^7 G || G Em | D Bm^7 | A D | | ‖|
        The great - est good   of all   cre - a - tion.

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CHORUS
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To walk upon the earth
For the greatest good, for the greatest good,
The greatest good of all creation.

VERSE 1
I am connected to all that is
And I will share in the care of creation
To faithfully renew the reverence for life
And respect for all existence.

CHORUS

VERSE 2
And I will honour my spirit's commitment
To care, support and defend
The balance between my own life
With all of nature as my friend.

CHORUS

VERSE 3
I'll be a witness to acts of kindness,
Discarding thoughts that are harmful and careless
To live in harmony in a world that's secure.
We are guardians for our future.

CHORUS (2x)

CODA
The greatest good of all creation.