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EarthCare Covenant

Congregational Version

Words based on
Unity Worldwide Ministries'
EarthCare Covenant

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 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

B♭ Dm Dm C B♭ B♭ Dm

5 C **Chorus** F B♭ C Dm B♭

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

9 F C Dm

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

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

Verse 1 B♭ C7(sus4) C7

I am con - nect - ed to all that

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16 F Bb C7(sus4) C7 C F Bb Dm

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

20 Dm C Bb

rev'- rence for life,

24 C Dm Bb F C

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

(Great-est Good)

Verse 2

And I will

32 B \flat C 7 (sus4) C 7 F B \flat Am B \flat

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

36 B \flat Dm Dm C

bal - ance be - tween my own life, _

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48 F Verse 3 B \flat C7(sus4) C⁷ C F

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

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

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

54 Dm C B \flat

world, that's se - cure,

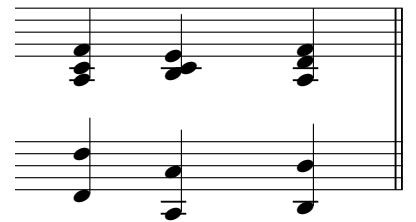
Coda

rit. F C⁷ Dm



The great - est

rit.



67 B \flat Gm F Dm⁷ C F

good of all cre - a - tion.

The musical score consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are 'good of all cre - a - tion.' The piano accompaniment is in two staves (treble and bass clefs) and provides harmonic support for the vocal line. The chords indicated above the vocal line are B \flat , Gm, F, Dm⁷, C, and F.

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B♭ Dm Dm C B♭ B♭ Dm C Chorus

I de-

6 F B♭ C Dm B♭ F C

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

11 Dm Verse 1 B♭ C7(sus4) C7

good, I am con - nect-ed to all that

16 F B♭ C7(sus4) C7 C F B♭ Dm Dm C B♭

is, And I will share in the care of cre - a-tion To faith-ful-ly re-new the rev'-rence for life,

31 F Verse 2 B♭ C7(sus4) C7 F B♭ Am B♭

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

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36 B \flat Dm Dm C

bal-ance be-tween my own life,--

F Verse 3 B \flat C7(sus4) C⁷ C F

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

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

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

Coda

F C⁷ Dm B \flat Gm F Dm⁷ C F

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

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Capo 3rd fret

Chorus

$\frac{4}{4}$ | 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 A^{7(sus4)} A⁷ |
I am con - nect - ed to all that

D | G A^{7(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 A^{7(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)} A⁷ | A D |
 I'll be a wit - ness to acts of kind - ness Dis - card - ing
rit.

G A^{7(sus4)} A⁷ | 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 A⁷ G || G Em | D Bm⁷ | A D | | ||
 The great - est good of all cre - a - tion.

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CHORUS

I declare my covenant with God
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.