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EarthCare Covenant

SSA Choral 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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Freely ♩ = 58

Intro

B \flat Dm C B \flat B \flat B \flat /D

Chorus Moving forward ♩ = 80

5

Melody *mf*

I de-clare my cov- e- nant with God To walk up- on the earth For the grea- test

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

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

C F B \flat C D Dm⁷/C B \flat ⁶ F

10

good, for the great - est good,

good, for the great - est good,

great est good, great est good,

C Dm

Verse 1

14 Solo or Unison

I am con - nect-ed to all that is, _____ And I will share in the care of cre - a-tion To

I am con - nect-ed to all that is, _____ And I will share in the care of cre - a-tion To

I am con - nect-ed to all that is, _____ And I will share in the care of cre - a-tion To

Bb C7(sus4) C7 F Bb C7(sus4) C7 C F

19

faith - ful-ly re - new the rev' - rence for life,

faith - ful-ly re - new the rev' - rence for life,

faith - ful-ly re - new the rev' - rence for life,

Bb Dm Dm C Bb

Chorus

f I de-

f I de-

f I de-

23

clare my cov - e - nant with God To walk up - on the earth For the grea - test

clare my cov - e - nant with God To walk up - on the earth For the grea - test

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

f F B \flat C Dm B \flat F

27

good, for the grea - test good,

good for the grea - test good,

great - est good, great - est good,

C Dm

Verse 2

mf And I will

mf And I will

mf And I will

mf And I will

32

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

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

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

B \flat C 7 B \flat E \emptyset^7 F 6 Am B \flat

cresc.

36

bal - ance be - tween my own life,

bal - ance be - tween my own life,

bal - ance be - tween my own life,

B \flat B \flat /D B \flat /D C

Chorus

A tempo

f

I de-

f

I de-

f

I de-

A tempo

F/C

f

40

clare my cov - e - nant with God To walk up - on the earth For the grea - test

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

clare my cov - e - nant with God, To walk up - on the earth

F Bb C Dm Bb F

f

44

good, for the great - est good.

good, for the great - est good, The

great - est good, great - est good,

C Dm

Verse 3

p

I'll be a

49 *p*

Ah _____ Ah _____

wit-ness to acts of kind-ness, Dis-card-ing thoughts that are harm-ful and care-less. To

p

Ah _____ Ah _____ Ah _____

B \flat C7(sus4) C7 C F(sus4) F Am B \flat C7(sus4) C7 C(add2) F

53 *rit.*

Ah _____ Ah _____

rit.

live in har-mo-ny in a world that's se-cure.

rit.

Ah _____

B \flat Dm Dm C(sus4) B \flat

rit.

Chorus

f

I de-

f

I de-

f

I de-

f

57

clare my cov - e - nant with God To walk up - on the earth For the grea - test

clare my cov - e - nant with God To walk up - on the earth For the grea - test

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

F Bb C Dm Bb F

f

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for measures 57 through 60. It features three vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal parts are in a soprano, alto, and tenor range. The lyrics are: 'clare my cov - e - nant with God To walk up - on the earth For the grea - test'. The piano accompaniment includes a right-hand part with chords and a left-hand part with a bass line. Chords are labeled as F, Bb, C, Dm, Bb, and F. A dynamic marking of *f* is present in the piano part.

61

good, for the grea-test good, T

good for the grea-test good, T

great - est good, great - est good,

C Dm

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for measures 61 through 62. It features three vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal parts are in a soprano, alto, and tenor range. The lyrics are: 'good, for the grea-test good, T', 'good for the grea-test good, T', and 'great - est good, great - est good,'. The piano accompaniment includes a right-hand part with chords and a left-hand part with a bass line. Chords are labeled as C and Dm.

66 *mf* Coda

The grea - test good of

mf The great - est good of

The grea - test good of

F/A C⁹ Dm B \flat Gm⁷

68 **Maestoso** *f rit.*

all cre - a - tion.

f rit. all cre - a - tion.

f rit. all cre - a - tion.

F Dm C⁷ F

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Freely ♩ = 58

B_b D_m D_m C B_b B_b/D

Moving forward ♩ = 80

5 Chorus *mf*

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

Melody *mf*

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

mf

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

9

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

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

earth great - est good, great - est good,

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Choral Parts

Verse 1

Solo or Unison



I am con - nect-ed to all that



I am con - nect-ed to all that



I am con - nect-ed to all that

16



is, _____ And I will share in the care of cre - a - tion To



is, _____ And I will share in the care of cre - a - tion To



is, _____ And I will share in the care of cre - a - tion To

19



faith-ful - ly re - new the rev'-rence for life,



faith-ful - ly re - new the rev'-rence for life,



faith-ful - ly re - new the rev'-rence for life,

EarthCare Covenant--SSA
Choral Parts

Tutti
f Chorus

I de - clare my cov - e - nant with God To

f

I de - clare my cov - e - nant with God To

f

I de - clare my cov - e - nant with God_____ To

25

walk up - on the earth For the grea - test good, for the grea - test

walk up - on the earth For the grea - test good for the grea - test

walk up - on the_ earth_ great - est good,

28

good,

good,

great - est good,

mf Verse 2

And I will

mf

And I will

mf

And I will

EarthCare Covenant--SSA
Choral Parts

32

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

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

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

35

cresc.
fend The bal - ance be-tween my own life,

cresc.
fend The bal - ance be-tween my own life,___

cresc.
fend The bal - ance be-tween my own___ life,

Chorus

A tempo

f
I de - clare my cov-e-nant with

f
I de - clare my cov-e-nant with

f
I de - clare my cov-e-nant with_

EarthCare Covenant--SSA
Choral Parts

41

God To walk up-on the earth For the grea-test
God To walk up-on the earth For the great-est
God, _____ To walk up-on the earth _____

44

good, for the great-est good.
good, for the great-est good,
great- est good, great- est good,

Verse 3

p
Ah _____
p
I'll be a wit-ness to acts of kind-ness, Dis-card-ing
p
Ah _____ Ah _____

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Choral Parts

51

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

54

Ah _____
 world that's se-cure.
 Ah _____

Chorus

f
 I de-
f
 I de-
f
 I de-

57

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

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Choral Parts

60

earth For the grea-test good, for the grea-test good,
earth For the grea-test good for the grea-test good,
earth__ great - est good, great - est good,

rit. mf Coda

The grea-test

rit. mf

The great-est

rit. mf

The grea - test

67

Maestoso

good of all__ cre - a - tion._____
good of all cre - a - tion._____
good__ of all____ cre - a - tion._____

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Intro

capo 3rd fret

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$\frac{4}{4}$ | G Bm | Bm A | G | G G/B |

Chorus

Moving forward ♩ = 80

Melody mf

A || D G | A | B Bm⁷/A G⁶ | D |

I de-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,

$\frac{2}{4}$ Verse 1 $\frac{4}{4}$ G A⁷(sus4) A⁷ | D | G A⁷(sus4) A⁷ | A D |

I am con-nect-ed to all that is. And I will share in the care of cre-a-tion To

f Chorus

G Bm | Bm A G ||
faith-ful-ly re-new the rev'-rence for life, 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,

$\frac{2}{4}$ Verse 2 $\frac{4}{4}$ G A⁷ | G C[#]7 | D⁶ F[#]m | G | *cresc.*
mf And I will hon-our my spir-it's com-mit-ment To care, sup-port and de-fend The

Chorus

***f* A tempo**

G G/B | G/B A
 bal-ance be-tween my own life__

D/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,

Verse 3

$\frac{2}{4}$ *p* $\frac{4}{4}$ G A^{7(sus4)} A⁷ | A D^(sus4) D F#m |
 I'll be a wit-ness to acts of kind - ness, Dis - card - ing

rit.

G A^{7(sus4)} A⁷ | A^(add2) D | G Bm |
 thoughts that are harm-ful and care - less, To live in har-mo - ny in a

Chorus

Bm A^(sus4) G ***f*** |
 world that's se - cure. I de -

||: D G | A | Bm G | D |
 clare my cov - e - nant with God To walk up - on the earth For the grea - test

A | Bm
 good, for the grea - test good,

mf

Coda

***f* rit.**

D/F# A⁹ Bm || G Em⁷ | D Bm | A⁷ 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.