

April 14, 2024 Hymn Lyrics and Responsive Reading

Responsive Reading #550, *We Belong to the Earth*

Leader: This we know. The earth does not belong to us; we belong to the earth.

Cong.: Whatever befalls the earth befalls the sons and daughters of the earth.

Cong.: This we know. All things are connected like the blood which unites one family.

Leader: We did not weave the web of life; we are merely a strand in it.

Leader: All things are connected.

All: Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves.

Hymn #175, *We Celebrate the Web of Life*

We celebrate the web of life,
its magnitude we sing;
For we can see divinity
in every living thing.

Of ancient dreams we are the sum;
our bones link stone to star,
And bind our future worlds to come
with worlds that were in are.

A fragment of the perfect whole
in cactus and in quail,
As much in tiny barnacle as
in the great blue whale.

Respect the water, land and air
which gave all creatures birth;
Protect the lives of all that share
the glory of the earth.

Hymn #134, *Our World is One World*

Our world is one world: what touches one affects us all:
the seas that wash us round about, the clouds that cover us, the rains that fall.

Our world is one world: the thoughts we think affect us all:
the way we build our attitudes, with love or hate, we make a bridge or wall.

Our world is one world: its ways of wealth affect us all:
The way we spend, the way we share, who are the rich or poor, who stand or fall?

Our world is one world, just like a ship that bears us all:
Where fear and greed make many holes, but where our hearts can hear a different call.

Hymn #163, *For the Earth Forever Turning*

For the earth forever turning; For the skies, for ev'ry sea; for our lives, for all we cherish,
sing we our joyful song of peace.

For the mountains, hills, and pastures in their silent majesty; for the stars, for all the heavens
sing we our joyful song of peace.

For the sun, for rain and thunder, for the seasons' harmony, for our lives for all creation,
sing we our joyful praise to Thee.

For the world we raise our voices, for the home that gives us birth; In our joy we sing
returning home to our blue-green hills of earth.