



“*But ask the animals, and they will explain to you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of God has done this? In God’s hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.*”

— **JOB 12:7-10 (NRSVCE)**

God of Creation, we are grateful for the gift of creation. The creatures of the Earth witness to your play and creativity. The abundance of the Earth witnesses to your ongoing care and provision. The delicate systems of the Earth witness to your connection and harmony. The plight of the Earth witnesses to your ongoing call to action and participation.

As we celebrate today, let us learn the lessons the Earth has to teach and recommit to our call to care for creation as loving stewards. Renew in us a spirit of connection with creation as it is threatened by our greed, apathy and consumption. Move us to act in such a way that we may be agents in the Earth's renewal. Help us remember that we, too, are your creatures and in you we find life, breath and being. Amen.

