

Congregational Prayer – Days of Creation

Year A, Lent 1

Genesis 2

Creator God,

In the beginning

by your Word everything came into being.

You created humankind from the soil of the earth,

adam from adamah, human from humus,

you breathed life into your creation.

You planted a garden

and placed the human in its midst.

You filled the garden

with fertile soil,

with trees of abundance,

with animals and life of all kinds.

Through the garden

flowed the rivers of life.

Your creation was good

and you invited us to participate

in this good creation.

Creator of all that is good,

forgive us.

We have mishandled and abused

what you have made.

We have taken the life you breathed

and polluted and injured it.

We have placed ourselves above all else

and used your creation without care.

Creator of all that is good,
forgive us.
We have damaged your earth,
and caused it great pain.
We have chased your creatures
into extinction.
We have jeopardized our very lives,
the lives you have given.

Creator of all that is good,
forgive us.
You have give us eyes,
help us see.
You have given us hands,
help us act.
You have given us minds,
help us think.
You have given us hearts,
help us love
all that you have made.

Creator of all that is good,
forgive us and move us.

Amen.

Len Rempel (Canada), 2023. Mennonite Church Saskatchewan Climate Emergency Response Team (CERT)