

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Symbolic actions

Acorns and leaves

Acorns and leaves are given out at the beginning of the service

Spend some time looking at your leaf, and reflect on the role of the leaves, in the natural cycles of life.

Leaves take in the sunlight and turn it into growth.

Leaves breathe in carbon dioxide and breathe out oxygen.

Leaves give food to many living creatures, from caterpillars to giraffes.

Fallen leaves become humus and give rich fertility to the soil.

An oak tree supports a whole ecology of organisms.

Spend some time reflecting on the acorn you have been given.

Reflect on the role of seeds in the natural cycles of life.

Seeds contain the potential for new life within themselves.

Seeds give food to many living creatures.

Each plant produces enough seed each year to reproduce many times over.

The hard protective shell of a seed needs to crack before the seed can sprout.

Tom Honey

Soil

Soil is shared

To be of the Earth is to know
the restlessness of being a seed
the darkness of being planted
the struggle toward the light
the pain of growth into the light
the joy of bursting and bearing fruit
the love of being food for someone
the scattering of your seeds
the decay of the seasons
the mystery of death
and the miracle of birth.

John Soos

Creation

And God said:

- ⌚ Let there be lights
[two candles are brought forward and placed on table]
- ⌚ Let there be waters
[two glasses of fresh and salt water are brought forward]
- ⌚ Let there be dry ground
[rock and bowl of soil are brought forward]
- ⌚ Let there be vegetation and trees
[potted tree and plant are brought forward]
- ⌚ Let there be living creatures
[basket of fruit or seeds, jar of worms are brought forward]
- ⌚ Let there be people – both male and female
[sculpture is brought forward and placed on table]
- ⌚ Let there be rest...
[period of silence is kept]

And God saw that it was good...

