

*Ritual of Letter Writing*

*The group is invited to gather together by candlelight, to sign the Re-energize Campaign petition.*

*Music*

*Come and Fill Our Hearts*

*Reading*

**Beginners**

*Closing Prayer*

One God of the powerless, we choose to be without power.

**All May this choice permeate our lives.**

One God of gentleness, we choose to walk gently on this earth.

**All May this choice permeate our lives.**

One God of all creation, we choose to be in solidarity with all creatures on our planet.

**All May this choice permeate our lives.**

One May this simple gesture of turning out our lights be a moment of inspiration for ourselves, for our community, and for our world.

May we leave this place empowered to live into this hour. May we continue to live simply and walk gently on this earth. And now let us go and live the message we dare to proclaim.

**All Amen.**

*Music*

*God to enfold you*

*God to enfold you, Christ to uphold you, Spirit to keep you in heaven's sight; so may God grace you, heal and embrace you, lead you through darkness into the light.*

**EARTH HOUR:  
SIXTY MINUTES TO CHANGE  
THE WORLD**



**NAME OF CHURCH**

## EARTH HOUR VIGIL

### *Power down*

*All the lights in the building and any other power-sourced objects will be turned off as we observe the hour-long vigil.*

### *Gathering Reading*

*Genesis 1:1-3*

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," (*the central candle is lit*) and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness God called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

### *Greeting*

One Light is all around us. We often do not even realize it until it is gone and we are in darkness.

Tonight we will celebrate amidst darkness, guided by gentle light that does not lead to the global warming of the planet.

Light that will encourage us to reflect on who God calls us to be in this world.

Let us take some time to pass the light to each other. You may greet each other with a comment such as "for inspiration," "for courage," or "for openness."

*At this point, the leader passes light from the first candle to members of the congregation, who in turn pass light to their neighbours.*

*Music: Our Darkness is Never Darkness*

### *Opening Prayer*

One Beneath our toes  
Beneath our shoes  
Beneath floors  
Beneath basement and cement and foundation

**All We are still standing on holy ground**

One Amidst cheerful chatter  
TV drones and telephones  
Planes and trains  
Sirens, horns, and the squeal of tires

**All We listen for the call of the Earth**

One As square, grey scenery is photographed  
Amidst trash, contamination, pits, pollution  
Waste, seen and unseen  
We are tired people, grasping for energy

**All We are still standing on holy ground**

One Bike riders and gardeners whisper alternatives  
as creation groans beneath the weight of waste and excess  
Beneath even that sits holy ground  
Firmly rooting all in the moving, shaping,  
Cleansing powers of creation,

**All We listen for the call of the Earth**

### *Reading*

Letter from Chief Seattle

### *Music*

*Live in Charity and Steadfast Love*

### *Prayers*

We Have Forgotten

### *Sharing & Reflection*