

A Litany For Outdoor Ministry

One: For the miracle of creation, in all its infinite diversity and splendor we give thanks to the one who sustains us.

Many: **We give thanks that we too, are a part of creation. We pray that we might remember our status as children of God, through our participation in the circle of life.**

One: For the rhythm of a paddle gently striking the water, the morning mist giving way to reveal the majesty of mountain peaks, the radiance of sunset, the sparkle on the water, and the dance of the dragonflies,

Many: **We praise you!**

One: God, we know that we have too often isolated ourselves from the very things that bring us a connection to You. We pray for the wisdom to seek out places such as Jesus did: the mountain, the plain, the lakeshore, and the wilderness.

Many: **We pray that we might remember that Christ is present in ourselves and in one another.**

One: We pray for all those who need to be part of an inclusive community, a place where the natural world radiates, or to both, and yet who cannot find the time, the trust, or the courage to do so.

Many: **We give thanks for the places in our lives that give us renewal and help us to deeply know You, and others on the journey.**

One: Gracious God, we pray for camps, and retreat centers, and all sacred places whose mission is to bring people to an awareness of your presence and peace.

Many: **We pray for each participant on all United Church of Christ Outdoor Ministry programs, that they may have a safe and meaningful experience, a season of strengthening faith, and a whole lot of fun!**

One: We thank you for the astoundingly beautiful place, infused with divinity, our church's camp, Horton Center. Bless this season with grace, abundance, safety, connection and love.

Many: **And God, please help each of us to live out the message of Horton Center as inspired by Jesus:**

All: **To love You, to love ourselves, and to love one another. Amen**

To learn more about Horton Center or to sign up for camp: Pick up a brochure at church, talk to your Pastor, go to: www.HortonCenter.org, or contact Director Tim Hughes at thughes@nhcucc.org 603-545-9660

