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FOR CREATION AND OUR COMMUNITY

A Prayerful Response to the BP Oil Spill



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ORDER OF SERVICE
JUNE 27, 2010 – 6:00 PM**

GREETING Geoffrey Lentz

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

LAST UNS ERFREUEN

***OPENING PRAYER**

Brad Bullock

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

“This Is My Father’s World”

TERRA BEATA

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-15

HOMILY

Chris Terrell

“Desperate Seasons”

CONFESSION & PARDON

Kate McMath

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS FOR HEALING CREATION

BLESSING OF THE WATERS

FOR THE HEALING FOR CREATION

****OFFERING**

BANNER

“Healing is in Your Hands”

Nathan Nockels

**All gifts will go toward relief efforts on the Gulf Coast

**EUCCHARIST & RECEIVING
HEALING WATERS**

Wesley H. Wachob

“Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas”

Trinity Vineyard

“Whole World In His Hands”

Tim Hughes

***CLOSING HYMN**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

DIX

***BENEDICTION**

*Please Stand

**What can the church do in response to the
Deepwater Oil Spill?**

We can pray...

We pray for God’s intervention with the contamination of oil in the Gulf of Mexico and the damage it is causing; we pray for God’s guidance in finding a working solution to the uncontrolled spewing of oil; we pray for God’s wisdom in how to be better stewards of oil as a finite resource; and we pray for God’s protection that we might not suffer through such an event again. We invite you to be apart of the prayers for the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, all the creatures who live in it and all the people who depend on it to support themselves and their families.

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We can act...

We encourage all members of the community to be vigilant and active in reporting oil that washes up on shore, wildlife that has been harmed through the oil spill or preventative measures that appear to be damaged, vandalized or working improperly. We urge all members who have had their livelihoods impacted to be proactive in filing a claim and hopefully reduce the severity of their situation. We gratefully support those persons who believe they can take a more active approach in responding to the physical situation of the oil spill and encourage those persons, whether in a volunteer or professional capacity, to work with city, state and federal forces who are already working to restore the Gulf of Mexico.

We can change...

There are things we can all do to improve the quality of the Earth, including:

- Recycling everything that is available to recycle in your community
- Using compact-fluorescent bulbs in your home
- Considering the amount of electricity you use in your home
- Using reusable bottles instead of cases of plastic water bottles

We ask all of humanity to prayerfully and with God-centered intentions consider how they might be better stewards of the earth and change the way they live.