Worship Materials

There are a number of materials that have been developed and gathered together for faith communities to use during worship. Whether they are ideas for sermons, readings, or prayers, there are plenty of options for including thoughts about food, agriculture, and faith during services.

Christian/Ecumenical

- **Alternative Thanksgiving Ideas** by the Presbyterian Church USA Just Living series. This short guide helps people to live faithfully during the holiday season, in part by providing ideas for sustainable food preparation and sharing.
- **At the Lord’s Table** by the National Council of Churches Eco-Justice Program. This includes background information on growing food, monocultures, our food system, etc. as well as sermon starters, calls to action, a call to worship, and prayers. (Note: If you have trouble accessing the document through the link above, try going to: [http://www.nccecojustice.org/network/forms/downlogin.php](http://www.nccecojustice.org/network/forms/downlogin.php) first.)
- **At the Table** by Earth Ministry is built around a celebration of the harvest, a special worship service, and a personal action pledge requested from each member of a congregation.
- **Campaign for Fair Food** by the Presbyterian Church USA (scroll down about halfway to find these). These resources include background information on the campaign’s mission to ensure fair farm worker treatment as well as bulletin inserts, scriptural commentaries, Advent reflections, Lenten and Easter lectionary commentaries, prayers, and songs.
- **Eating as a Moral Act** by the National Catholic Rural Life Conference. This is a series of seven cards, each discussing a different ethic related to eating, such as dignity of farmers and farm workers, the web of life is one, water, and the right to safe and nutritious food.
- **Ethical Eating: Food and Environmental Justice** by the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations contains hymns, prayers, sermon starters
- **Litany on the Agriculture Crisis** by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
- **Our Daily Bread: Harvesters of Hope and Gardeners of Eden** by the National Council of Churches Eco-Justice Program. This includes background information on farming and social justice, industrial agriculture and family farms, etc. as well as sermon starters, calls to action, a call to worship, and prayers. (Note: If you
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• **Resources for Prayer/Ritual at Loss of a Farm** adapted from the Catholic Rural Life magazine.
• **Service of Farewell to a Farm** by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**Interfaith/Islamic**

• **Engaging the Congregation: How can your congregation practice what your faith teaches about food?** by the Sacred Food Project contains four short essays as well as a list of other resources of use.
• **What Makes Food Sacred? Congregational Resources for the Abrahamic Traditions** by the Sacred Food Project. This has theological overviews from Protestant, Catholic, Muslim, and Jewish perspectives, sermon talking points and analyses of specific issues, and information about sacred foods and the holy calendar.

**Jewish**

• **What Makes Food Sacred? Resources for Jewish Congregations** by the Sacred Food Project. This has practical resources and ideas for greening holiday celebrations as well as theological writings.