The Service of Dedication for Solar Array

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Leader: As stewards of God’s creation, we are here today to dedicate this solar array to the glory of God as an act of Christian service and stewardship.

**People: We come to walk the talk of the stewardship of all creation and to practice what we preach about caring for God’s world.**

Leader: As the people of God we have always gotten our power from on high.

**People: Today, we symbolically recall, the inexhaustible power of God’s loving presence, as we dedicate this 54.4 kilowatt solar array.**

Leader: Jesus said we are the light of the world.

**People: May our witness to the goodness of God’s world and God’s love, bring light into many lives.**

Leader: Jesus said he is the light of the world.

**People: Our commitment to following God’s light, and lighting the way to new possibilities will bring new energy into Christ’s church.**

Leader: Today is Sun-day.

**People: On this “Sun” day, we consider anew the benefits of renewable solar energy. We teach ourselves and others about its ability to create new opportunities, reduce our negative impact on God’s creation, and show our commitment to becoming better stewards of God’s gifts.**

Leader: God said, “Let there be light.”

**People: We say, “Thank you Creation’s Sovern Ruler for all Your mercies and gifts.”**

Leader: Congratulations on becoming a greener and more gracious family of faith and better stewards of God’s creation. Join me in prayer.

**Dedicatory Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, make this a temple of your presence and a house of prayer. Be always near us when we seek you in this place. Draw us to you, when we come alone and when we come with others. Help us to find comfort and wisdom, to be supported and strengthened, to rejoice, and give thanks.

May this church and all who worship and seek you here be made one with you and with one another, so that our lives are sustained and made ready for your service.

Be with us in the fullness of your power as we strive to be ever better stewards of your grace, your mysteries, and your creation.

We give you thanks, O God, for the gifts of your people, and for the work of many hands, which have brought us to this day. Accept and bless all we have done, and grant that in these earthly things we may behold the order and beauty of things heavenly; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.