

## GLOBAL WARMING RESPONSIVE READING

**Congregation:** *The Earth is our home. It gives us fresh air to breathe, clean water to drink, and grows all the food that we eat.*

**Reader:** The Earth is getting warmer. The average global temperature has risen increasingly over the last two decades. Plants, animals and insects are moving northward four miles each decade.

**Congregation:** *North America is our home. Its diversity of people and wealth of natural resources enrich our lives in so many ways.*

**Reader:** North America is getting warmer. Already the Inuit people in the far north have trouble hunting on melting ice fields and people who live on coastal lowlands around the continent will lose their homes to rising water in the future.

**Congregation:** *The West Coast is our home. We love the craggy coastline and snowy mountains.*

**Reader:** The West Coast is getting warmer. The glaciers are shrinking. Weather patterns are getting less predictable and more severe weather is likely in the future.

**Congregation:** *The Pacific Northwest is our home. We love the forests, the saltwater bays, and all our wildlife – especially salmon.*

**Reader:** The Pacific Northwest is getting warmer. Rising temperatures will change our forests. Shrinking glaciers mean less available water – for people, for salmon and for all living things.

**Congregation:** *South Puget Sound is our home. We love sun in the summer, snow in the winter and gentle rains whenever they come. We love our communities and our lives in this place.*

**Reader:** South Puget Sound is getting warmer. What shall we do?

**All:** *The Earth, North America, the West Coast, The Pacific Northwest and South Puget Sound are our home. We must take good care of our home so that people and all living things can thrive here for generations to come.*

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