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Sunday Worship ServicesPresbyterian9:30 a.m.10:30 Catholic11:00 a.m.Dignity Denver5:00 p.m.

WFS Tuesday Meditation 7:00 - 8:15 p.m.

WFS Wednesday Meditation 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

WFS Saturday Meditation 9:15 - 11:20 a m

Send all announcements for the OPEN LETTER to the Church Administrator (capheightsoffice@gmail.com) by 12 PM

Thursday

To schedule a meeting or event, please call the church at 303-333-9366 or send an email to capheightsoffice@gmail.com.

To view the Open Letter online visit capheightspres.org or scan the QR code



Celebrating 50 Years of Diversity at 1100 Fillmore St.

Sunday, October 2, 11:00 AM: You are all invited to join us in celebrating our 50th Anniversary of Ecumenical commitment between our Protestant and Catholic communities. We will hold a joint service in the Sanctuary at 1100 Fillmore Street at 11:00 AM on Sunday, October 2. Light refreshments will be provided outside following the service. All are welcome to attend. (Can't make the service in person? Join us on zoom where the worship service will be available for viewing using the link below.)

- Click here to Join Zoom Meeting with video
- One tap mobile with a Smartphone: +13462487799,,82045841954# OR +16699009128,,82045841954#

Or Call: (+1) 253 215 8782; enter MEETING ID when prompted: 820 4584 1954 #; PASSCODE 1 2 3 4 The Whole Inhabited Earth in the Season of Creation 2022

"Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." (Ex. 3:5) We are now in the Season of Creation, an ecumenical movement which will last September 1 - October 4. The symbol selected for this year is the burning bush - a holy fire that neither consumes nor destroys. Resources to aid your reflection and action in this season can be found below. The 10:30 Catholic Community has disseminated A Season of Creation Calendar with suggested actions and reflections for this time period and it can be viewed on the last page of the Open Letter.

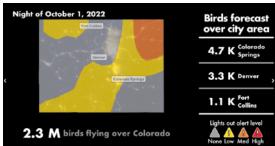
• Season of Creation Week 4 Reflection from Creation Justice Ministries: The Sacred Waters of Monterey Bay: A Place of Resurrection with Rev. Dan Paul

"Each week as soon as visiting church youth groups arrive at the Blue Theology Mission Station they are walked to the rocky shore of the Monterey Bay and asked to find a quiet place to sit and soak in the view of the magnificent Ocean. And while each pilgrim settles into the soothing sound of waves, wind and seagulls, each young person is asked to write down a response to this question "How does the Ocean remind you of God?" Responses are easily found and a sense that the waters themselves are sacred flow into each consciousness. As the week progresses, each person finds an understanding that the Monterey Bay is not only a sacred place, but also a place of resurrection..." Read the full reflection HERE.

- Sacred Water: Oceans and Ecosystems Resource from our friends at JustFaith: In the context of community, participants explore their relationships with water, in both the Christian Scriptures and their daily lives. LEARN MORE.
- Thursday, October 20, 11:30 AM MDT Environmental Justice Is Racial Justice Faith Communities Respond: Across our country and our world, communities of color are impacted first and worst by pollution and climate-driven disasters, and among the strongest advocates for change. Learn how your faith community can stand with them with insights from a panel of leaders on the front lines of environmental justice. LEARN MORE HERE.

• Fall Migration is underway! Check out BirdCast Migration

Dashboard from EBird to see the varieties and numbers of flyers passing through your State. You can take the next step and keep informed on when "lights out" alerts are in effect in your area to reduce outdoor lighting during peak migration nights. Check out CSU's AeroEco Lab website to find local alerts for every State in the Country!



Community News

- Together CO invites you to join them in their 2022 Civic Engagement Season! Over the next few months, we will be working to get out the vote across the state of Colorado. There are several ways you can get involved including door-to-door canvassing, text banking, posting on social media, distributing information to your congregations, sending messages to friends and family, and other actions between now and November 8. Click HERE to learn more and sign up.
- October 8 & 15 9:45 AM 4:30 PM "Going Deeper" a workshop with Casa de Paz: You are invited to participate in this program specifically designed for the Casa de Paz



1972 - 2022 Celebrating 50 Years of Diversity at 1100 Fillmore

This October will mark the **50th**

Anniversary of when the 10:30 Catholic Community joined Capitol Heights Presbyterian Church in sharing worship space in our beloved church building. From welcoming immigrants, making lunches for the homeless, providing shelter and hospitality to neighbors, to surrounding our Nation's Capital city with a ribbon of

peace, these past 50 years have been rich, varied, and blessed and we have truly come to see that diversity is not a threat, but a celebration!

Mark your calendars for October 2, 2022 at 11:00 AM when we will have a joint Ecumenical Worship Service celebrating our

50 years of Unity in Diversity! Colorado State Historic Grant Matching Funds

The restoration work on the West Façade is underway with architectural drawing and paperwork being prepared by our grant manager **Shannon Stage** of Historic Denver, and our architect architect **Natalie Lord**. The team also includes **Jonas Landes & Graham Johnson of Spectrum General Contractors**; & **Jane & Phil Watkins of Watkins Stained Glass**. Debbie Yeager is representing the Church and signing on our behalf on all the necessary forms.

The current work is made possible by a grant from the Colorado State Historic Society with matching funds coming from your generous donations - thank you!

The Historic Building Fund will remain OPEN and donations can be directed to it

at any time to support further restoration work of our beloved building.

Children's Ministry

For younger children & families: Check out some stories and prayers that we have made available online HERE.

In many ways every child is born a scientist —exploring their world, leading small experiments, asking questions, searching for answers. Audubon for



Kids is tapping into that innate curiosity with their Audubon for Kids webpage. The goal of the activities isn't to teach a child how to name and identify a bird, but rather to give them space to explore and connect to the natural world. Check it out HERE. community which helps you deepen your anti-racism skills and process your volunteer experience. In the workshop a "Brave Space" will be created to encourage dialogue that recognizes difference and holds each person accountable to do the work of sharing experiences and coming to new understandings. The event will be held in person at First Universalist Church of Denver, 4101 E Hampden Ave. 80222. Please complete THIS FORM to register.

• Volunteer Opportunities with Capitol Hill United Ministries: Volunteers are still needed for sack lunch preparations one day in October (10/25) and also in November. Click to signup today. The next delivery of needed items in support of CHUM's partner organizations will take place on Friday, October 7th. Find out what supplies are needed and how to participate by reading the most recent newsletter HERE.

Capitol Heights Presbyterian Church

We are part of an old tradition, made new with each person who comes to us. We witness to a greatness that transcends what we now say, know, or do, but is graciously made present in acts of kindness, hope and peace. We are called to be a community of such hope for the sake of the God of all, and we delight in all who choose to join us.

- Ecumenical Service October 2, 11:00 AM: All are welcome to join us for our 11:00 AM ecumenical service. At the service we will celebrate 50 years of collaboration with CHPC & the 10:30 Catholic Community and around 30 years of working with Dignity Denver. The service will take place in person in the sanctuary or can be attended using the zoom link: Click here to Join the Ecumenical Service on Zoom
- Friday, October 28, 6:00 PM Annual Mead/Launer House Halloween Party: All CHPC is invited to this festive party being thrown by Cary, Ray, and Ceaghan. Costumes are highly encouraged! Please come!! For any questions contact Cary by email at yogacary@gmail.com or call/text 303-908-8202.
- <u>Community donations</u> are being received online or by mail: To mail a donation send your contribution to Capitol Heights Presbyterian Church, 1100 Fillmore St., Denver, CO 80206. To donate online visit capheightspres.org/donations.
- Grocery cards that support CHPC are available for Safeway and King Soopers grocery stores. As you put money on your card and use it to buy your groceries, a portion of your weekly grocery purchases will support CHPC. Call Charlie Fiser (303-770-6362) if you are interested in participating.

News from Presbytery & other Partner Organizations

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is currently responding with aid for communities impacted by Hurricane Ian. Within the last few days, PDA has reached out to presbyteries in Ian's path in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina as well as to partners in Cuba. To learn more and to find ways you can support PDA's efforts click HERE.
- **Denver Presbytery's** September 30th Friday E-News can be read HERE.

10:30 Catholic Community

We are a Christ-centered, Spirit-directed Catholic worshiping community. In response to the teachings of Vatican II, we come together, searching for ways to reflect the person and work of Jesus Christ in our time, to our world.

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- <u>Community Contributions:</u> The Community made third quarter contribution of \$500 to each to the Colorado Afghan Legal Project and MetroCaring. If you would like to recommend that the Community make a donation to a particular organization, please send your recommendation to Bill Dixon, Jim Butz, or Gene Lang.
- <u>Community donations</u> are still being received and can be mailed to the following address: c/o Gene Lang, 10:30 Catholic Community; 1100 Fillmore Street; Denver, CO 80206.
- **COVID Safety Protocol:** Council requests that members who test positive for COVID and attended mass (or another 10:30 community function) at a time when they may have been infectious to pass that information along to the Chair so that other members can be informed and supported.

Dignity Denver

Dignity Denver envisions and works for a time when gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender Catholics are affirmed and experience dignity through the integration of their spirituality with their sexuality and as beloved persons of God.

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- Dignity Denver will hold a Mass at 5:00 PM in the Sanctuary every 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday in the month.

October 2, 2022

Community Events

Sunday CHPC Sunday Schedule 11:00 am Ecumenical Service (Sanctuary / Zoom)

10:30 CC Sunday Schedule

11:00 am Ecumenical Service (Sanctuary / Zoom)

Dignity Denver Sunday Schedule

11:00 am Ecumenical Service (Sanctuary / Zoom) 5:00 pm Dignity Denver Mass *every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sunday*

Sunday AA

9:00 am Basement Social Hall or South Garden Benches as weather allows.

Tuesday

5:45 pm NA - "Don't Know Diddly" (Social Hall)

7:00 pm - "Beginner's Mind Zazen," meditation with White Forest Sangha

7:00 - 8:30 pm Comedy Is Therapy with Dr. Alison Sheesley for people struggling with social or generalized anxiety. (Nursery)

Wednesday

5:30 pm CHPC Music Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

White Forest Sangha Meditation (Basement Meditation Room)
6:00 - 6:15 logon/seating in the zendo
6:15 - 6:55 zazen
6:55 - 7:15 chanting service
7:15 - 7:25 prepare for discussion
7:25 - 8:00 Dharma discussion
8:00 p.m. Bodhisattva vows and closing gathering

6:30 - 8:00 pm Comedy Is Therapy with Dr. Alison Sheesley for people struggling with social or generalized anxiety. (Nursery)

7:00 pm Ye Wanton Singers (Sanctuary)

Thursday

6:00 pm Women's AA (Room 104)

Saturday

White Forest Sangha Morning Meditation (Basement Meditation Room)

9:15 - 9:30	arrive and take seat in zendo
9:30 - 10:10	zazen
10:10 - 10:20	kinhin
10:20 - 11:00	zazen
11:00 - 11:20	service
11:20	informal tea
For more inform	nation contact Steve Mushin Cri

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10:00 am SLAA (Room 104)

10:30 am NA - "Primary Purpose" (Social Hall)

ONGOING EVENTS:

Every Fourth Thursday of the Month 7:00 PM Journey with Migrants Mission Partnership meeting (held on zoom)

Leaders of the Capitol Heights Faith Communities

Treasurer. Shared Operations

Insurance, Rental Agreement Consultant

Building Administrator

Ecumenical Leadership at 1100 Fillmore Shared Operations Leadership:

CHPC Session • 10:30 Catholic Council • Dignity Denver Board

Charlie Fiser Debbie Yeager Charles Norton

Garden Team:

Mary Lou Fenili Liz Pinckard

Charles Norton Historic Building Team Debbie Yeager Sonya Yeager-Meeks

Dan Jacobs Shannon Stage & Historic Denver

Ecumenical Worship Committee Bibiana Hager Jeanne Jeffas Mary Sullivan Sylvia Sullivan

CHPC CHPC 10:30 CC 10:30 CC

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Debbie Yeager Sonya Yeager-Meeks Lindsey Snow of *Remedy Permaculture Design*

Outdoor Kiosk Manager: Mary Hupp

Capitol Heights Presbyterian Church

Session Elders: Jeanne Jeffas Erik Sabina Charles Norton Sonya Yeager-Meeks Mary Hupp Rodney Shuff

Rev. Mark Meeks Rev. Bill Sanders Bonnie Jensen Charlie Fiser Jean Demmler

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Pastoral Life Committee: Fran Adams Cary Mead Lillian Shuff

10:30 Catholic Community Council

Bill Dixon Jim Butz Gene Lang Kristen Insana Meg Johnson (Currently Open)

Mary Sullivan Melanie McPhee Patricia Peterson

Dignity Denver Board

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Listen to the Voice of Creation SEASON OF CREATION 2022

Theme, prayers, reflections and action created for people & parishes of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis



The Burning Bus Ex 3, 1-12 September 4 23rd Sun. of Ord. Time Introduce Season of Creation to parish at Sunday Mass	September 1—Oct September 5 Make every Monday a "Meatless Monday" https:// www.mondaycampaigns.org	FION 2022	September 7 Reflect on: "The entire universe speaks of God's low: Everything is a caress of God #84	September 1 During this season of Creation explore ways in which you could save energy in your home: LED Lights, clean filters September 8 Nativity of Mary Pray "Blessing of Mother Earth"	September 2 Discuss how to save water in your family—commit to one new way September 9 Mem. of Saint Peter Claver— Apostle of Slaves Pray for those trafficked today https:// internationalpresentationasso- ciation.org	September 3— Memorial of St Gregory Do a local Earth Examen Introduce Season of Creation to your parish at Sunday Mass September 10 Clean up trash in your neighborhood, park or Church. Make it a community event
September 11 24th Sun. of Ord. Time Patriots' Day (911) Pray for peace in your home and in the world.	September 12 Make every Monday a "Meatless Monday" https:// www.mondaycampaigns.org	September 13 Mem. Saint John Chrysos- tom – Preached against the abuse of power of both church and government leaders. "There is a need for forthright and honest debate." #16 Where is your voice today?	September 14 Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross The Earth is suffering. Spend time with her today, seeing the magnificence, smelling the diversity, paying attention to the birdsong and wind	September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows Pray for mothers who have lost children through violence https:// mothersagainstviolence.org	September 16 Practice the 5 R's: Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose, Recycle https://guide.michelin.com	September 17 Care for our Common Home Retreat. St Bernard, Cologne 10-6pm
September 18 25th Sun. of Ord. Time Share your garden produce at your local food shelf	September 19 Make every Monday a "Meatless Monday" https:// www.mondaycampaigns.org	September 20 Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon and companion martyrs-lay leaders of a persecuted Korean Church Who is sacrificing life for faith today?	September 21 Feast of St Matthew Patron of economists and accountants. "It is imperative to promote an economy which favors produc- tive diversity and business creativity" for the welfare of all. #129	September 22 The Creator of the Universe instilled a sense of the inter- connectedness in all creation. Reflect on this principle of UNITY	September 23 Native American Day On the fourth Friday of Sept. we celebrate the irreplaceable heritage, contributions, and knowledge of the Native American populations. It is a day to remember the enduring legacy of their fortitude, energy, and strength.	September 24 Visit a Farmer's Market and meet the growers of your food.
September 25 26th Sun. of Ord. Time Care for our Common Home Retreat, St Timothy, Blaine	September 26 Make every Monday a "Meatless Monday" https:// www.mondaycampaigns.org	September 27— Memorial of St Vincent de Paul Read a creation story to a child today	September 28 Reflect on Today's Reading: Job 9:1-12, 14-16 What is your sense of the God of the Universe?	September 29 Feasts of archangels: Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Join an environmental group and be a protector of Earth	September 30 Memorial of St Jerome Pick up your Bible and read the Earth psalms which praise God and honor Earth	October 1 Menopial of St Therese of the Care for Creation Retreat, St. Joseph Church, Red Wing, MN What would it take to follow your dream vocation?
October 2 27th Sun. of Ord. Time Blessing of animals	October 3 Make every Monday a "Meatless Monday" https:// www.mondaycampaigns.org	October 4 Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi Pray "Hymn of St Francis" What one new act can you do to Care for our common home?	² Day after day th ³ They have n	iey pour forth speech; o speech, they use no w	e skies proclaim the wo night after night they a vords; no sound is hear ñ, their words to the en	reveal knowledge. d from them.



This year for the Season of Creation, Creation Justice Ministries is exploring the theme "Sacred Lands, Sacred Waters." Throughout the month they will be featuring perspectives from theologians, activists, and spiritual leaders. Learn more and read the blog HERE. **RESOURCES FROM CREATION JUSTICE MINISTRIES:**

- Join us in the fight to protect 30% of lands and waters by 2030! Learn more HERE
- Check out the "Liturgy" section of our Resource Hub to find prayer, litanies, and other items you may need for Season of Creation worship. Learn more HERE



INVITATION TO JOIN SEASON OF CREATION 2022

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to listen and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to pray and protect our common home, the Oikos of God.

The Season **"Celebration"** begins 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

Following the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we begin the Season of Creation "Preparation" to reach local leaders and call our communities to participate actively by raising awareness of the theme, and how to respond to the cry of creation where the Lord calls us in our diverse contexts.

2022 THEME

This year we will unite around the theme, "Listen to the Voice of Creation." During the COVID-19 pandemic, many have become familiar with the concept of being muted in conversations. Many voices are muted in public discourse around climate change and the ethics of Earth-keeping. These are voices of those who suffer the impacts of climate change. These are voices of people who hold generational wisdom about how to live gratefully within the limits of the land. These are voices of a diminishing diversity of more-than-human species. It is the voice of the Earth. The 2022 Season of Creation theme raises awareness of our need to listen to the voice of creation. The Psalmist declares, "The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the Earth, and their words to the end of the world." (19: 1-4) Creation never ceases to proclaim, but do we listen?

During the Season of Creation, our common prayer and action can help us listen for the voices of those who are silenced. In prayer we lament the individuals, communities, species, and ecosystems who are lost, and those whose livelihoods are threatened by habitat loss and climate change. In prayer we center the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.

Listening to the voice of creation offers members of the Christian family a rich entry point for interfaith and interdisciplinary dialogue and practice. By listening to the voice of all creation, humans from all cultures and sectors of life can be joined in our vocation to care for our common home (oikos).

May this 2022 Season of Creation renew our ecumenical unity! And may this season of prayer and action be a time to Listen to the Voice of Creation, so that our lives in words and deeds proclaim good news for all the Earth!



The 2022 Symbol:

"I have heard their cry...I know their sufferings...Come, now! I will send you... i will be with you" (Ex 3, 1-12)



Listen to the Voice of creation SEASON OF CREATION 2022

The Burning Bush

The burning bush is the Symbol for the Season of Creation 2022. We invite you to use the symbol of a burning bush during your events. Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires are a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Creation cries out as forests crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice that we have caused. On the contrary, the fire that called to Moses as he tended the flock on Mt. Horeb did not consume or destroy the bush. This flame of the Spirit revealed God's presence. This holy fire affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered, and promised to be with us as we followed in faith to our deliverance from injustice. In this Season of Creation, this symbol of God's Spirit calls us to listen to the voice of creation, and faithfully respond through worship, repentance and action. As you celebrate this Season of Creation, light candles, light the Easter fire, adorn a bush in your place of worship or action. And may this symbol remind us to take off our sandals, contemplate our connection to holy ground, listen for the voice of creation, and be filled with hope to quench the fires of injustice with the light of God's healing love that sustains our common home.

Join Season of Creation:

We hope that this Season of Creation renews and unites us by the one Baptism and call to care for our common home.

We invite you to schedule your own participation in the Season. As a first step, go to SeasonOfCreation.org. You will find the Faith Leaders' Letter inviting us to join the Season, the <u>Theme presentation</u>, and, later in May the Official Season of Creation Celebration Guide with a wide range of resources (to be translated into various languages). Individuals and communities are invited to participate through prayer, sustainability projects, and advocacy:

Prayer: Host an ecumenical prayer service that unites all Christians to care for our common home, journey together in Creation or in places affected by climate change and biodiversity loss, liturgical moments to listen from the Book of Lord and the Book of Creation Sustainability: Lead a public awareness event reaching a wider public of people with the good news that each of us can bring its contribution.

Advocacy: Raise your voice for climate justice by participating or joining an ongoing campaign, such as the movement to divest from fossil fuels.

See <u>HERE</u> for concrete proposals to participate through prayer, sustainability projects, advocacy.

As an unstoppable wave, Christians from all over the world will witness to listen and respond together to the cry of creation and as we care for our common home (oikos), each initiative will be an essential piece of the mosaic that only together we could create.

