



# OPEN LETTER

Capitol Heights Presbyterian | 10:30 Catholic Community | Dignity Denver | White Forest Sangha



## CAPITOL HEIGHTS FAITH COMMUNITIES

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Sunday Worship Services  
Presbyterian 9:30 a.m.  
10:30 Catholic 11:00 a.m.  
Dignity Denver 5:00 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.

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

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## Save The Date! January 29, 9:30 - 12:00 PM

### CHPC's 127th Anniversary Celebration & Ecumenical Social Service Sunday

**All friends of the 1100 Fillmore Faith Communities** are invited to join Capitol Heights in worship at 9:30 AM on the last Sunday in January to celebrate **Capitol Heights' 127th Anniversary!** For this annual celebration we have made it a practice to honor the service and ministry of individuals among us with our *Walt and Janet Clark Honor in Ministry Award*. This year we are delighted to honor 10:30 Catholic Community's own steadfast and faithful Mary Gould. (Sorry Mary, there's no way out of this - it was a unanimous Session vote to nominate you!) Following the service we look forward to participating in an Ecumenical *Social Service Sunday* hosted by the 10:30 Catholic Community. We will meet in the basement Social Hall for a "Rice and Bean Bag Breakdown" close to 11:00 AM. Large bags of rice and beans will be broken down and put into smaller bags that will later be distributed at MetroCaring. We hope to see you there!

### 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.

• **January 22, 9:30 AM:** All are welcome to join us in the sanctuary for our 9:30 AM service. Following the service at 11:00 AM a Dialogue will be held in the basement lounge. Both the service and dialogue can also be attended online using the zoom link below.

#### ♦ Zoom Link for CHPC Sunday Events

- ▶ [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

• **January 29, 9:30 AM:** All are welcome to join us in worship on the last Sunday in January as we celebrate **Capitol Heights' 127th Anniversary!** Following the service we look forward to participating in a "Social Service Sunday" in collaboration with the 10:30 Catholic Community. We will meet in the basement Social Hall for a "Rice and Bean Bag Breakdown" close to 11:00 AM. We hope to see you there!

• **Wednesday, February 8 at 5:00 PM MST:** The next McClendon Scholar Program will feature Rev. Jimmie Hawkins in a discussion of his new book *Unbroken and Unbowed: A History of Black Protest in America*. Rev. Hawkins is Director of the Office of Social Witness for the Presbyterian Church USA, and he will give a short presentation on themes from his book and then engage in discussion with webinar participants. Register [here](#) to get the zoom link to participate.

• **Community donations** are being received online, by mail, or in person. 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](http://capheightspres.org/donations).

• **Grocery cards that support CHPC** are available for Safeway grocery stores - please contact Charlie Fiser if interested. The King Soopers program is tied to their loyalty card program. Go to customer service and ask how to tie your loyalty card number to benefit Capitol Heights Presbyterian Church. Call Charlie Fiser with any questions (303-875-5129).

### 10:30 Catholic Community

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

• **January 22 - Mass will take place at 11:00 AM** in the Sanctuary. You can also attend online via [zoom using this LINK](#).

• **2023 Membership Commitment Sheet:** We are a Christ-centered, Spirit-directed, Catholic worshipping community. Members share in the decisions that shape the community's goals through their voices and their vote. To carry out these goals, the



## In Memoriam

**With great sadness we report that Kendrick King** has passed away. She died on Saturday, January 7th. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. We are hopeful that we can have a service for her in the park late in July.

**With deep sorrow and sympathy** we pass along this news from Dave Arnolds:

*"Please inform the Community that we lost Eileen last Thursday morning [January 12].*

*She passed in her sleep at home. She had been in the hospital for about three weeks in December, including Christmas. We had 24 hour care for her during the two weeks she was home. The girls and grandchildren were all here the night before she passed and she was aware of them. We plan to have some memorial service in the Spring or Summer. Thanks. Dave"*

We send our condolences and blessings to the Arnolds family and pray that Eileen rest in God's loving peace and life eternal.

**Dick Lechman passed away on the evening of January 15.** He was at the nursing home in Longmont in hospice care. Our condolences to Mary and Dick's family. We will pass along further news when it is available. May Dick rest in peace.

### Upcoming Memorial Services:

**Friday, February 3, 2023 at 12:00 PM Celebration of Life for Alex Sena** - We will gather in the Sanctuary of Capitol Heights Church for a memorial at noon. Following the memorial we will enjoy some New Mexican fare, story telling and memory sharing. Many of you will remember Debbie's brother-in-law Alex & sister Sharon from their frequent attendance of ecumenical events. Alex passed away on Monday night, January 16. All are welcome to attend this Celebration of Life for a friend of our Faith Communities.

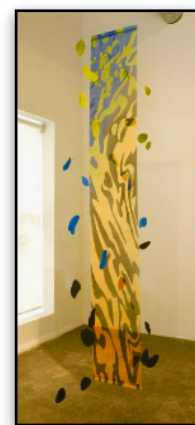
**February 11, 11:00 AM Memorial Service for Martha Fiser:** Dear Friends, A memorial service for Charlie's sister Martha Fiser will take place at Montview Presbyterian Church (1980 Dahlia St. Denver 80220) on February 11 at 11:00 AM. The service will also be available to watch online and we will share the livestream link with you once we receive it. Thank you for the condolences that have been expressed as we continue to hold the Fiser and Diamond family in our prayers.

community depends on members giving of their time, talent, and treasure. You can use [this LINK](#) to fill out the 2023 Membership Commitment Sheet if you haven't already done so. *Please note, some ministries and activities are currently suspended or held over Zoom due to COVID-19; please answer as if all are currently taking place.*

- **This Sunday, January 22nd**, we will have a 4th Sunday Education Discussion following mass with Ayah Al-Durazi of Together Colorado. All are welcome for this one hour discussion of the current social ministry activities of our partners at Together Colorado.
- **Dear 10:30 Community:** With sadness we announce that Dick Lechman passed away on the evening of January 15. He was at the nursing home in Longmont in hospice care. Our condolences to Mary and Dick's family. We will pass along further news when it is available. May Dick rest in peace and many blessings to all.
- **Dear 10:30 Community:** With great sadness we report that Kendrick King has passed away. She died on Saturday, January 7th. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. We are hopeful that we can have a service for her in the park late in July.
- **Community Contributions:** Contributions have been made by the Community to the following: (a) \$200 to El Porviner (for its work in Nicaragua on water and sanitation projects) and \$200 to Miguel Pro Mission (a ministry led by Father Peter Urban that provides a variety of social services in Juarez).
- **Sunday, January 29:** There will not be a Mass on the 29th of January, but instead, the 10:30 Catholic Community is invited to join Capitol Heights to celebrate their 127th Anniversary in a Service at 9:30 AM. After the service all are invited to participate in our first Social Service Sunday when we will have the "Rice and Bean Bag Breakdown."
- **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.*
- **For the January 10:30 Catholic Community Calendar** click [HERE](#).

## Community News

- **Dear Journey with Migrant friends:** We are helping a new family get settled into an unfurnished apartment offered by the nonprofit West Colfax Lampstand. The father is from Guatemala and was just bonded out of Geo. They have a new baby boy less than 3 weeks old, plus 10 and 4 year old boys. We are looking for ***bunk beds, small couches, small tables, chairs, dishware, cooking ware, towels, rugs, toiletries, sheets/comforters, pack-n-plays, or gift cards (Target, Walmart, King Soopers)*** to fill the gaps. Please let us know if you have any of these items or other things for setting up an unfurnished apartment and we will make arrangements to collect. With thanks and wishes for a blessed weekend, Rob and Celeste ([rhabiger@gmail.com](mailto:rhabiger@gmail.com)).
- **Our friend Barb Baer's latest Sculpture Clear Water** is showing now through January 29th! The 8' tall, cloth-and-music-wire piece is at Spark Gallery, 900 Santa Fe Drive, Denver. We hope you can check it out!
- **Thursday, February 16, 5:00-6:30 PM (MST) Refugia Faith: An Evening with Debra Rienstra:** Creation Justice Ministries and the BTS Center invite you to an online evening conversation with Debra Rienstra, as she discusses her book *Refugia Faith* — how it came to be, and how it can be used in communities of faith and beyond. [Register HERE](#). (\$10 event registration • \$30 event registration including a copy of *Refugia Faith*.)
- **Creation Justice Ministries** has released their 2023 Lenten Resource - click [HERE](#) to download the guide. This guide is designed to help you and your community take time during the Lenten season to learn, reflect, repent, ask God for forgiveness, and take concrete steps to change course in order to better care for creation. We have also included the Lenten Resource on the final pages of the Open Letter.



## Community Events

### Sunday

#### CHPC Sunday Schedule

9:30 am Service (Sanctuary / [Zoom](#))

11:00 am Dialogue (Lounge / [Zoom](#))

#### 10:30 CC Sunday Schedule

11:00 am Mass (Sanctuary)

#### Dignity Denver Sunday Schedule

5:00 pm Dignity Denver Mass *Every Sunday through Advent*

#### 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

5:00 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 information contact Steve Mushin Crisman (303-324-0365 / [info@whiteforestsangha.org](mailto:info@whiteforestsangha.org))

10:00 am SLAA (Room 104)

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

## Leaders of the Capitol Heights Faith Communities

### Ecumenical Leadership at 1100 Fillmore

#### Shared Operations Leadership:

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Charlie Fiser - Treasurer; Debbie Yeager - Building Administrator

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Debbie Yeager

Sonya Yeager-Meeks

Dan Jacobs

Andrea Malcomb & Historic Denver

#### Ecumenical Worship Committee

Bibiana Hager

CHPC

Jeanne Jeffas

CHPC

Mary Sullivan

10:30 CC

Sylvia Sullivan

10:30 CC

#### Garden Team

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Debbie Yeager

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### Capitol Heights Presbyterian Church

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Sonya Yeager-Meeks

(Class of 2023 - 1st Term)

*Position Open*

(Class of 2023 - 1st Term)

Mary Hupp

(Class of 2024 - 1st Term)

Rodney Shuff

(Class of 2024 - 2nd Term)

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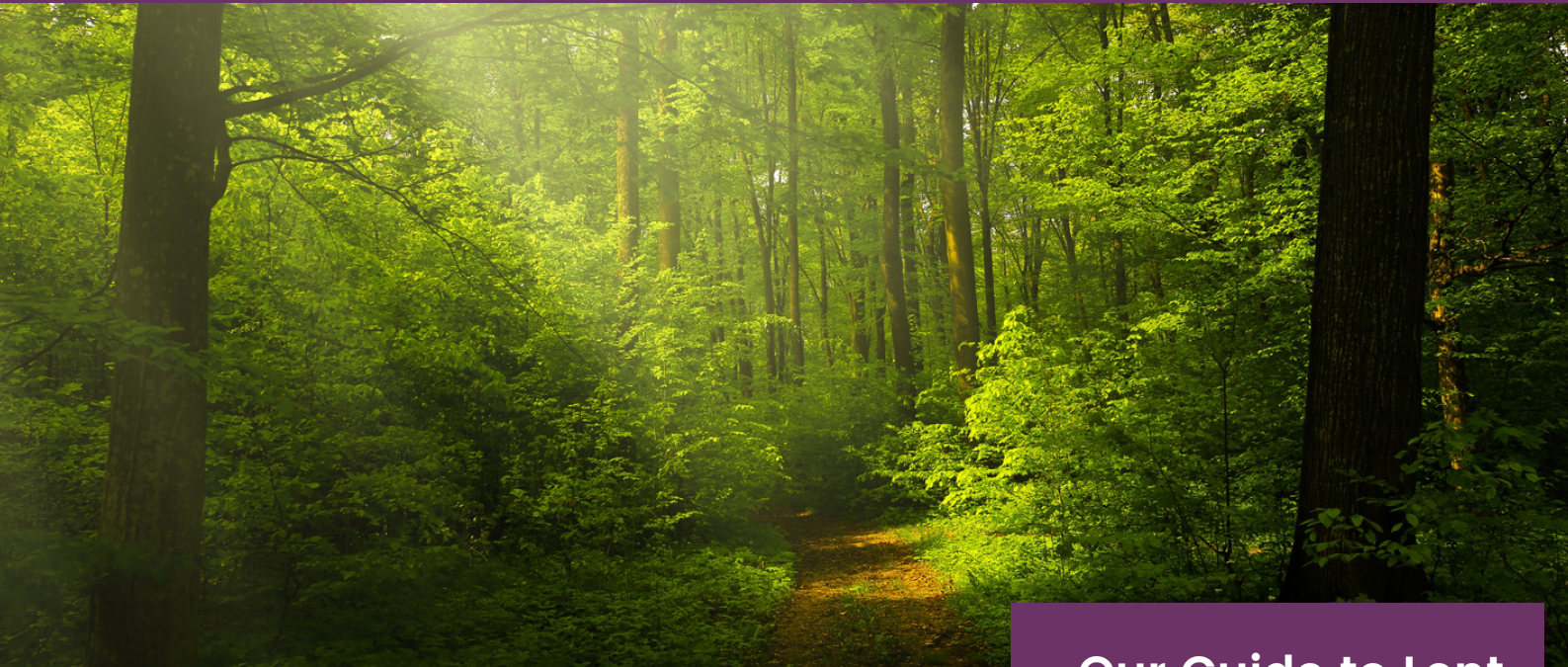
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Member at Large

# 2023 Lent Resource

Daily Reflection-Action Calendar to Cultivate Creation Justice



## Our Guide to Lent

In Lent, we reflect on Christ's ministry, death, and resurrection. We slow down, and examine our internal spiritual lives as well as the way we live out our Christian faith in the world.

Our faith teaches us that humans were put on this earth with the responsibility to be stewards. We also know our individual as well as collective U.S. lifestyles have led to serious harm to God's good creation.

This Lenten reflection and action guide will help individuals take time to learn, reflect, repent, ask God for forgiveness, and take concrete steps to change course.

The calendar was adapted for ecumenical use by Creation Justice Ministries from the Presbyterian Hunger Program's Environmental Ministries and Enough for Everyone offices, drawing heavily on the 2018 version.

## February 2023

### February 22 Ash Wednesday

Read Matthew 6: 16-21. Spend some time praying, meditating, or journaling about your decision to adopt Lenten practices that draw you closer to God, neighbor, and creation.

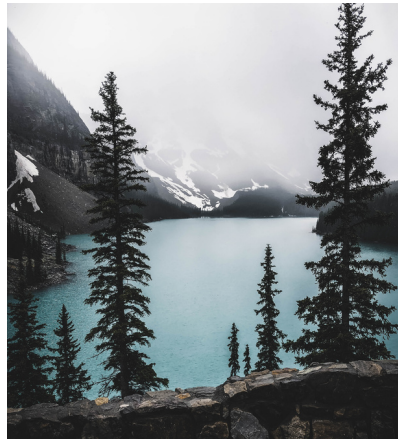
### February 23

Grab a copy of your home energy bill, and calculate your carbon footprint at [www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator](http://www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator)

Take note of the activities that are the most carbon-intensive. Resolve to change them.

### February 24

Laborers who harvest palms for Palm Sunday are often not paid a fair price, nor are they able to harvest sustainably. Learn more and encourage your faith community to order "Eco-Palms" before the order deadline: [www.ecopalms.org](http://www.ecopalms.org).



### February 25

If the world reduced meat consumption by 15% it would save the same greenhouse gas emissions as taking 240 million cars off the road each year. Consider planning for meatless Mondays during Lent. Learn more and get recipe ideas at [www.meatlessmonday.com](http://www.meatlessmonday.com).

### February 26

Stay cozy and conserve energy by checking your windows and doors for air leakage. Make a plan to caulk and weather-strip as needed. (These do need maintenance and replacement over time!)

## February 27

The average adult receives 41 pounds of junk mail annually. This requires 53 million trees and 56 billion gallons of water to produce. Visit [www.dmachoice.org](http://www.dmachoice.org) to help stop unwanted junk mail. Call companies to unsubscribe from their mailings or catalogs. Resolve to do it today!

## February 28

Save energy and add some beneficial humidity to your house by air-drying your laundry.



# March 2023

## March 1

Watch our Faithful Resilience videos here: [www.creationjustice.org/faithfulresiliencefilms.html](http://www.creationjustice.org/faithfulresiliencefilms.html)

## March 2

Consider making a plan with others at church for an Earth Day, on April 23. (Earth Day is April 22). Resources available at <https://www.creationjustice.org/earth-day-library.html>

## March 3

Write a note to a child in your life who inspires you to sustain God's creation for future generations.

## March 4

Watch a nature documentary. Planet Earth and Earth's Natural Wonders are good options. Also, see Nature on Public Television. Marvel at the miracle of God's creation.

## March 5

The average person spends 87% of their time indoors, and another 6% of their time inside a vehicle. Consider adopting a new spiritual practice that makes you more attuned to God's creation. Find ideas at [www.centerforspiritualityinnature.org/practices](http://www.centerforspiritualityinnature.org/practices).

## March 6

Carve out time for landscape or garden-planning. Cut back on or eliminate pesticide use this year. What role could native and pollinator-friendly plants play in your landscape? Write down one planned action you will take to honor God's creation with your landscape or garden plans in the spring. Not able to landscape? Check out community gardens and house plant opportunities.

## March 7

Watch the "Story of Stuff" online video at [www.storyofstuff.org](http://www.storyofstuff.org). An absolute, must-see!

## March 8

Decide not to add any items to the landfill today. Use real cups, cloth napkins, reusable bags for groceries, and reusable water bottles.

## March 9

If you don't already have one, consider ordering a copy of The Green Bible. All passages related to care and justice for God's creation are in green print. It is available online.



## March 10

Are there "energy vampires" in your home which you can unplug to make a difference? Check [www.smartenergy.com/energy-vampire](http://www.smartenergy.com/energy-vampire) for ideas. Then, try out a practice of observing the Sabbath by unplugging your electronics and yourself! Relish simple pleasures.

## March 11

Take note of how your church's coffee hour is run. Look for opportunities to become more sustainable, such as eliminating Styrofoam, using china instead of paper cups, or buying from local vendors.

## March 12

Labor exploitation is often tied up in sustaining our current levels of consumption. Take the Human Slavery Footprintsurvey at ([slaveryfootprint.org](http://slaveryfootprint.org)). Consider ways to decrease your participation in modern-day slavery.

## March 13

Do you know what watershed you live in? Find out, explore, and consider connecting with a local watershed stewardship organization: <https://watersgeo.epa.gov/mywatersway/rlist.html>



## March 14

It's World Water Day. Observed annually, today we recognize how people around the world are affected by water issues: [www.un.org/en/events/waterday](http://www.un.org/en/events/waterday)



## March 19

Give up two degrees: for every degree the thermostat is below 68 in the winter or above 78 in the summer there's a 3-5% savings in energy use and cost.

## March 20

Many of the actions necessary to care for God's creation require coordinated, collective action. Often, government is the best instrument for such action. Check to make sure your voter registration is current and prepare to vote in every election. Find information at [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org).



## March 15

Refugee displacement and hunger relate to damage to God's creation. Spend some time reflecting on how issues of care for God's creation relate to your faith community's anti-hunger, peacemaking, and refugee resettlement ministries.

## March 16

Learn where your food comes from. Explore the Christian food movement to learn how Christians across the country are making a difference through food: [www.christianfoodmovement.org](http://www.christianfoodmovement.org)

## March 17

Say a prayer for God's threatened and endangered creatures. Consider sharing an Endangered Species coloring book for children to color during worship or Sunday School: [fws.gov/nativeamerican/pdf/endangered-species-coloring-book.pdf](http://fws.gov/nativeamerican/pdf/endangered-species-coloring-book.pdf).

## March 18

Do a "water fast" by turning off water while brushing your teeth and flushing your toilet half as often. Around the world, many people have access only to the amount of water each day that Americans use in one toilet flush.

## March 21

Lower the temperature of your water heater to 120 degrees. Ask for help if you need it!

## March 22

Check the light bulbs in your house. Are they the most efficient possible? Energy savings from LED light bulbs pay off quickly for God's creation and your energy bill.

## March 23

Begin the process of thinking through how to give away unneeded clothes, bakeware, and other goods to people who could use them, and rethink, reuse, and recycle other items. Learn more at [www.earth911.com](http://www.earth911.com)



## March 24

We can see through the biodiversity of all God's creation that God loves diversity. God loves diversity among people, too. Yet, it is easy to only associate with people most like ourselves. Go out of your way to make contact with a person who differs from you by gender, race, nationality, creed, faith, economic resources, or life-style. Read Ephesians 2:11-22.

## March 25

Schedule a tune-up to set your car tire pressure to the recommended level for optimal gas mileage. Practice driving mindfully. Higher speeds (55 mph+) reduce fuel economy.

## March 26

Remember your baptism today. What does it mean to you to be baptized? Spend some time praying or journaling about what happens to this sacrament when the world's waters become polluted and inaccessible?

## March 27

For Easter baskets, consider buying Fair Trade chocolate, dried fruit, tea and coffee or small gifts made by fair trade cooperatives. [www.equalexchange.coop](http://www.equalexchange.coop)

## March 28

Visit [waterfootprint.org](http://waterfootprint.org) to learn more about water footprint. Say a prayer of gratitude every time you sip water today.

## March 29

Nearly half of all food in the United States never gets eaten, while one in eight people in the U.S. suffer hunger. Spend some time problem-solving on reducing food waste at home and at church. Get ideas at [www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food](http://www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food).

## March 30

Choose a reusable water bottle and commit to using it instead of purchasing individual, disposable water bottles.

## March 31

Plan or plant seeds for a garden, even a window garden, to support a local food system, and to remember hope and new life in Christ:  
[almanac.com/content/beginners-vegetable-garden](http://almanac.com/content/beginners-vegetable-garden)

# April 2023

## April 1

To show love for our Creator, we respect and protect all of creation. Take a moment today to pick up trash off the street, or from a local stream or storm drain.

## April 2

Read Psalm 31. As we think about Christ's journey this Holy Week, may we recognize the lament, grief, and despair of the world around us. Climate injustice, poverty, hunger, and human suffering seem insurmountable. May we pray and cry out to God, as Jesus taught us, trusting that God hears us.

## April 3

Read Duane Elgin's essay Choosing a New Lifeway: Voluntary Simplicity.  
[www.duaneelgin.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/choosing\\_a\\_new\\_lifeway.pdf](http://www.duaneelgin.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/choosing_a_new_lifeway.pdf)

## April 4

Burial rituals can help, rather than harm, God's creation. Learn about how to leave a sustainable legacy at [www.GreenBurialCouncil.org](http://www.GreenBurialCouncil.org). Schedule a time to talk with a loved one regarding your feelings about this subject.

## April 5

Choose one of the practices from this Lent that may be meaningful to you to adopt for the year ahead. Write down your choice and share your commitment with a family member or friend.

## April 6 Holy Thursday

Read John 13:1-17, 31b-35. How does creation participate alongside humanity as Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper and washes the disciples' feet? How can we love one another—and God's whole world—as Christ has loved us? Write down your commitment to show love to a person or a part of God's creation today.

## April 7 Good Friday

Read Hebrews 4:14-16. In confidence of God's presence and attention, may we confess all that we have done and failed to do, willing to be made new in Christ for a reconciled and reconciling world.

## April 8

If possible, please consider donating to an environmental effort through Creation Justice Ministries or one of your local environmental organizations. Visit [www.creationjustice.org/donate](http://www.creationjustice.org/donate).



## April 9 Easter Sunday!

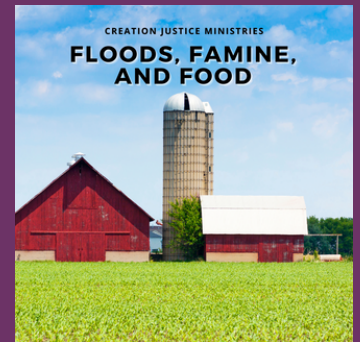
Matthew 28:1-10  
Do not be afraid! Go out into God's good world, holding onto God's steadfast love and joyfully answering the call to be Christ's disciple.

# Care for Creation Past this Season of Lent

Our 2023 Earth Day Resource theme is "Floods, Famine, and Food."

This resource provides stories from people committed to caring for our planet through the food system, reflections, sermon starters, prayers and more to guide you and your congregation in faithful action.

Launching March 2023, our Earth Day Resource will be available at <https://www.creationjustice.org/earth-day-library.html>



Please enjoy an excerpt from the resource:

"It is not a random detail that in the center of every Christian worship space is a dinner table. And yet, have our eyes failed to recognize the fullness of Christ's invitation made in the eucharist? Is it limited to a private exchange between me and Jesus, whom I claim as my personal Lord and savior? Or is it a much larger invitation into the possibility of right relationship / communion – through Christ – with all of creation? In Luke's gospel, there is a strong emphasis on the table. It is a thread along which the story progresses, and a setting where teachable moments are offered. Food matters to Luke's Jesus. His gospel cannot be told without it."



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