

SEASON of CREATION ~ WEEK TWO ~



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Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

WELCOME! The theme for this year's **Season of Creation** is inspired by West Seattle author Lyanda Lynn Haupt's book: **Rooted: Life at the Crossroads of Science, Nature, and Spirit.** Lyanda invites us on a journey of rediscovering a core truth which sacred scriptures, mystics, artists, and indigenous communities across the globe have proclaimed for millennia: that all life is radically interconnected. Over this three week season we affirm our vocation as Earth-tenders to re-engage with these three strands—science, nature and spirit—rekindling conversation and rediscovering practices that will more faithfully embody God's dream of Shalom for this world God so loves.

TODAY Creation Care Team member and climate activist **Deb Hagen-Lukens** will share updates on the climate crisis; how we, the human species, have "crossed the line"; how we are being called to push for changes that protect all of creation and progress we're making in how we heat and cool our homes, power our industry and move ourselves and our goods around the world.

+ GATHERING +

ELW = *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal* ACS = *All Creation Sings Hymnal*

PRELUDE

Beautiful

Heather Sorenson

WELCOME

The Singing Bowl calls us to worship

CALL TO WORSHIP: ADSUM – I AM HERE

The Latin term “adsum” (pronounced: odd-soom), means “to be present, be near, be in attendance.” Within this liturgy, it is akin to the Hebrew declaration, “hineni”—‘Here I am,’ a phrase from the Scriptures spoken in response to a call from the Divine. Both mean: You have my full attention; I am present and ready to respond to whatever it is you ask of me.

P In the name of the Creator, the fountain of life,
in the name of Christ, the pulse of life,
and in the name of the Spirit + the breath of life.

C Amen.

A Holy God, in whom everything on Earth and in the heavens is bound in perfect harmony,
open our eyes to behold your creation.

C Adsum!

P Incarnate Christ, whose life, death, and resurrection offers renewed life to the world,
root in us a commitment equal to the challenges and joys these days bring.

C Adsum!

A Creative Spirit, whose breath stirred life in the womb of this world,
quicken us, body, mind, and soul, for the great work to which you are calling us.

C Adsum!

P In all things, at all times, grant that we may walk in sacred manner upon the Earth,
ever conscious of our calling, ever mindful of your purpose as our Source,
Sustainer, and Goal.

C Adsum!

GATHERING HYMN

Crashing Waters at Creation

ELW #455

1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,
2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,
3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,
4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.

first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.
 wash - ing off the chains of bond - age—chan - nel to a life made new.
 o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
 Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Creator be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Triune God, whose breath animates all living things, and whose incarnation offers safety, healing and wholeness to our planet home; grant that we, in honoring the limits imposed by nature, may become more deeply rooted as Earth-tenders, so fulfill the vocation you have given us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Our liturgy of confession today is framed by the hymn, God Marked a Line, text by Thomas Troeger, and by language borrowed from the 2017 Lutheran World Federation Assembly. The name of the tune is DISTRESS.

HYMN OF CONFESSION

God Marked a Line, vs. 1-3

T. Troeger

God marked a line and told the sea its
 God set one lim - it in the glade where
 The line, the lim - it, and the law are

surg - ing tides and waves were free to trav - el up the
 temp - ting, fruit - ed branch - es swayed, And that first lim - it
 pat - terns meant to help us draw a bound be - tween what

slop - ing strand but not to ov - er - take the land.
 stands be - hind the lim - its that the law de - fined.
 life re - quires and all the things our heart de - sires.

P God of mercy and justice,

C We confess our automobiles.

P The need for convenience overriding the healing of Earth's fever.

C We confess our batteries.

P Electrons on demand, but too often later poisoning the back yards of the poorest.

C We confess our soaps, our cosmetics, our synthetic shirts and blouses.

P Ignoring that their unseen, plastic microbeads run into our streams and oceans, now reside in fish, and probably in us.

C We confess our junk, the piles of what we throw away,

P The sewage smelling of our lack of concern.

C We confess our mindset,

P Too often concentrating on our ability to buy rather than asking what we really need, what our world needs.

C We confess our unfaithfulness,

P not loving you with our whole heart and strength and mind.

C Not loving our neighbors as ourselves, not caring for your creation.

P Turn us from our cursed practices and our dependence on carbon to fuel them all.

C Turn us toward a life that truly is life, of seeing our place within the whole, of caring for watersheds and habitats, of looking to the needs of others before ourselves, of following Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

HYMN OF CONFESSION

God Marked a Line. vs. 4-5

T. Troeger



But, dis - con - tent with fi - nite powers we
We are not free when we're con - fined to
reach to take what is not ours and then de - fend our
ev - ery wish that sweeps the mind. But free when fre - ly
claim by force and swerve from life's in - ten - ded course.
we ac - cept the sac - red bounds that must be - kept.

ABSOLUTION

P Dear Siblings, God hears our confession and offers us a way forward.

In baptism God grounds us in grace, and equips us to be Earth-tenders, a role we fully inhabit when we understand all Earth's inhabitants to be relatives.

C Creator, teach us to love Earth as our home and her creatures as our relatives.

Restore us to our calling as tenders, servants, and partners.

Lord, teach us to care! Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 24:4-12

Kathleen Keyes

*The prophet describes the consequences that ensue when the boundaries set by God are ignored.
Earth herself suffers, along with the human species.*

⁴The earth dries up and withers, the world languishes and withers; the heavens languish together with the earth. ⁵The earth lies polluted under its inhabitants; for they have transgressed laws, violated the statutes, broken the everlasting covenant. ⁶Therefore a curse devours the earth, and its inhabitants suffer for their guilt; therefore the inhabitants of the earth dwindled, and few people are left. ⁷The wine dries up, the vine languishes, all the merry-hearted sigh. ⁸The mirth of the timbrels is stilled, the noise of the jubilant has ceased, the mirth of the lyre is stilled. ⁹No longer do they drink wine with singing; strong drink is bitter to those who drink it. ¹⁰The city of chaos is broken down, every house is shut up so that no one can enter. ¹¹There is an outcry in the streets for lack of wine; all joy has reached its eventide; the gladness of the earth is banished. ¹²Desolation is left in the city, the gates are battered into ruins.

L Holy wisdom. Holy word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 104:1, 14-24 *Read responsively*

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great.

¹⁴**You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth, ¹⁵and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.**

¹⁶The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.

¹⁷**In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees.**

¹⁸The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the coney.

¹⁹**You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.**

²⁰You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.

²¹**The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.**

²²When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens.

²³**People go out to their work and to their labor until the evening.**

²⁴O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Please rise in body or spirit to receive the gospel.*

ELW #171

He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.

He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 13:18-19 *The Inclusive Bible translation*

The reign of God Jesus proclaims is one of deeply shared kinship. Rather than the medieval concept of a “kingdom” composed of a king and subjects, we might imagine it to be a “kin-dom,” a concept inherent in the Lakota phrase “Mitakuye oyasin” – “All my relations.”

¹⁸Jesus continued, “What does the kingdom of God resemble? To what will I liken it?”

¹⁹It’s like a mustard seed which a gardener took and planted in the garden. It grew and became a large shrub, and the birds of the air nested in its branches.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S TIME

Nicole Klinemeier

MESSAGE

Deb Hagen-Lukens

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Earth and All Who Breathe

Ruth Duck

TUNE: TERRA PATRIS

1. The Earth and all who breathe exist through love divine,
who formed the sea, the flow’ring tree, the wren, the fragrant pine.
Each woman, man, and child created from the dust
is called to share creation’s care, a sacred, living trust.
2. The good, abundant Earth is ours to tend and keep,
yet land lies waste, consumed in haste, and hungry children weep.
The nations proudly build new Babels to the sky.
Their bombs destroy creation’s joy; their missiles terrify!
3. Creation now awaits humanity’s rebirth
at last to claim one common aim: to nurture life on Earth.
Awake, all humankind, the challenge now embrace,
apply your strength, your voice, your means, as stewards of God’s grace!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From: *Seven Songs of Creation: Liturgies for Celebrating and Healing Earth* by Norman Habel

P Let us confess our faith.

C **We believe in God who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.
We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water,
who heals all the wounds of Earth.**

**We believe in the book of Earth, the book of life unfolding,
the book revealing the mysteries of God’s wisdom.
We believe in Jesus Christ as the revelation and Wisdom of God,
joining the web of life as human flesh,
Jesus is the love of God immersed in the cosmos.
We believe in an Earth community,
a community where lives of all creatures and habitats are interconnected.
We believe in Life forever,
empowered by the breath of the Spirit of God,
connected with our cosmic Christ
and celebrated by all creation.
We know this. And it is true.**

+ PRAYERS +

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

ACS #1067
Bret Hesla

*Petitions are offered that end: “We lift this prayer to you.”
The congregation responds with the refrain below.*

We lift this prayer for the whole-ness of the earth. We lift this
prayer for the whole-ness of the earth. We lift this prayer for the
whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it ris - ing in you?

Final refrain:

Give thanks to God for the whole-ness of the earth. Give thanks to
God for the whole-ness of the earth. Give thanks to God for the
whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it ris - ing in you?

A We join in the prayer that our Brother Jesus taught us:
**C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Share a gesture of peace with your those around you.

PASS THE HAT *Earth Ministry*

Earth Ministry of Seattle has been a supporter of Peace’s Creation Care ministry for over a decade, and guided us through the Green Congregation process. Rev. A.C. Churchill (they/them) is the new Executive Director of Earth Ministry. An ordained minister within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) tradition, Rev. Churchill comes to the work of environmental justice as an expression of their deep commitment to participating in healing, justice, and transformation and views the work of environmental justice to be intrinsically connected to anti-racism and pro-reconciliation work.

OFFERING

Your financial gifts today support the ongoing ministry of our congregation, cooperative ventures of ELCA congregations throughout Western Washington, and Evangelical Lutheran ministries around the world. We invite you to give generously! You can place your gift in the offering plate, mail in a check, or connect to our secure [Tithely Giving Page](#) via this QR CODE. Whatever size, your gift makes a difference—thank you for your support!



OFFERTORY

God of the Sparrow

ELW #740



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the swirl - ing
 2 God of the sea - sons, God of the moon God of the ris - ing
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the emp - ty



stars How does the crea - ture say Awe
 sun How does the crea - ture say Care
 grave How does the crea - ture say Grace



How does the crea - ture say Praise
 How does the crea - ture say Hope
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God, our Creator,

C through your love you have given us these gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks and our concern for all in need, including the beings and habitats with whom we share this planet home. With all creation, we bless you. Amen.

+ SENDING +

THE CALL

P Christ calls us to be rooted and grounded in love,
to serve Earth by caring for creation
to serve by caring for all creatures, habitats, and watersheds.
Will you care for creation?

**C We will care for creation!
We will care for one another!
We will nurture our planet!
We will celebrate life!**

SENDING HYMN

Infinite Beauty

Susan Palo Cherwien
TUNE: SHADES MOUNTAIN

- 1 Infinite Beauty, Love that moves the heavens,
Maker of all things, present in creation,
From the beginning, all Your works reveal You,
Stirring to wonder.
- 2 Holy this garden, worthy of protection,
Blue pearl in deep space, due our true affection,
Dwelling and parent, elegant in balance,
Growing in wonder.
- 3 Sacred all creatures, marvelous companions,
Elders and teachers, all of our relations,
Rocks tell earth's story, plants reveal earth's wisdom,
Living in wonder.
- 4 Blesséd our bodies, kindred gift of starlight:
Eyes to see beauty, ears to hear the heart sigh,
Hands to give healing, hearts to bind together,
Breathing in wonder.
- 5 Infinite Beauty, Love that moves the heavens,
May our minds wisen, may our hearts awaken,
That we join all things, one and interwoven,
Singing in wonder.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace, serving Christ and loving Earth.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Rejoicing

G. F. Handel



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEASON OF CREATION

On JUNE 26, our final Season of Creation Sunday, we will celebrate Earth's sacredness by celebrating the Eucharist and hearing further insights from Lyanda Lynn Haupt's book: *Rooted: Life at the Crossroads of Science, Nature, and Spirit.* The sacred encounters with God we call Sacraments combine earthly elements with God's gracious promise to be present with us no matter what. In the Eucharistic feast, all creation is present in the elements of bread and wine. Our guest presider for the Eucharistic Feast will be retired ELCA pastor and new Peace member Rev. Mel Jacob.

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Invite a friend or neighbor to walk with you through the neighborhood or a local park, tell them about our Season of Creation and talk about your concerns for our changing climate. Actively listen to what they have to say in return. Seek common ground for change.

Pray for Creation: We pray that the choices we make about our lifestyle will be made in consideration of their impact on all the life that shares our common home.

EXPLORE 10,000 YEAR OLD ROXHILL BOG ON JUNE 25th

Last summer, many of us gathered along the shore of the Duwamish River to learn about its ecosystem. This year we have arranged with the [Duwamish Alive Coalition](#) to take a GUIDED TOUR OF THE ROXHILL BOG ON SATURDAY, JUNE 25, from 10:00 to 11:30. The BOG serves as the headwaters of Longfellow Creek, a tributary of the Duwamish. Urbanization and climate change have caused damage to the urban watershed, and efforts are ongoing to restore the area. Our Duwamish Alive Coalition tour guides are also offering a PRE-TOUR ZOOM on THURSDAY, JUNE 23, at 7:00 PM. This will enable you to find out about the history of the bog and view a number of explanatory graphics before you take the tour. **You should have received an email with more details and directions for signing up for either or both of the events.**

During the second weekend of September, we hope to participate in the restoration with our annual *God's Work Our Hands* project.

SUMMER SUNDAYS

While Pastor Kindem is away on continuing education and vacation, several guest preachers and presiders will be visiting Peace. The Sunday schedule includes: JULY 3 – hymn sing! Led by Boots W and Marian C; JULY 10, guest preacher/presider Rev. Pam Russell, Holy Communion; JULY 17, Rev. Mel Jacob returns; JULY 24, Pastor Chris Ode (Living Stones Prison Congregation) Holy Communion; JULY 31, Peace Lay preacher TBA. Pastor Paul Winterstein is available for emergency pastoral care while Pastor Erik is gone. You may contact Pastor Paul by phone or contact Kathleen Keyes in the church office if care is needed.

WORSHIP TIME CHANGES TO 9:30AM BEGINNING JULY 3

Beginning July 3 through Labor Day Weekend (September 4), worship will begin at 9:30 am. Starting September 11 it will return to 10:30 am.

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: Sick/Recovering: Nancy Archer; Jim Baker; Catherine Bell; Connie Benjamin; John Berrell; Cindy Collie; Billie Jane Debelak; Gavriella DeBoer; Keili Geller; Nathaniel Gibson; Dawn Gringorten; Elizabeth Heath; Donna Heiland; Tim Herriford; Mackenzie Hull; Gary Humphries; Vickie Jarvimaki; Jeffry; Kevin Kay; Ken Keyes; Kristofer Kindem; Lars & Stephanie Kindem; Kennedy Kindem; Mike Larson; Dee Levy; Maya Marshall; Jeanne Martinez; Bill Marts; Jack McBride; Lynn McCracken; Kris McCracken; Chloe McDonough; Eric, Erin, Finley McDonough; Jim Meyer; Alan Mills; Bill Morrell; Bill Nandor; JoAnn Nandor; Larry Nelson; Lianne Onishi; Stonie Jacqueline Palu; John Parker;

Michelle Pierce; Gail Price; Baby Rafe; Joey Roberts; Seattle Lutheran High School administration, faculty, staff, and students; Mitch Shepard; Bob & Rosemary Smalding; Aaden Smith; Leon Smith; JoAnne Spangler; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Matthew Toso; Tom Vane; Karin VanSant; Louisa Wagner; Nanette Wichman; Inge Williams; Joyce Wolff; Patti Wunder; Inta Zagars

Homebound: Lee Lamson; Dorothy Linnell

We express our Christian sympathy to the family of Joyce Berrell, aunt of Donna Heiland and sister in law of Jerry Heiland, who died June 10th.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME

Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness, in a world that can be filled with alienation and brokenness. In faithfulness to the Gospel and to our Lutheran heritage, we answer Christ's call to be agents of healing and safety, particularly for people who have been marginalized by our society.



As a Christian community, we invite all people to join us as we work to better understand the meaning of grace for our lives. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities into the life and mission of our congregation.

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