



OUR SAVIOR  
LUTHERAN CHURCH



**SEASON OF  
CREATION**

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# TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION



# WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

## VISION

Burning with the Spirit of Christ in us, we are called to serve our neighbors. In following Jesus' teaching and example, we at Our Savior Lutheran Church will feed souls through worship, word, and witness while feeding our neighbor with our hands and actions.

We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today. Our Savior is a community that aspires to follow Jesus so that all may know of the love of God in Christ.

**FAMILY RESOURCES** At the sanctuary entrance there are books and clipboards with paper & crayons. Children are welcome to take these items into worship. Additionally, the family area just outside the sanctuary has full audio and a view of the service. There you will find toys, books, seating, and room to roam.

**HOLY COMMUNION** Communion is the central gathering meal of the church. In this meal Christ promises to be fully present, offering forgiveness, a renewed faith, and a regenerative life. Everyone is invited to come forward, as you are able. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

Individual servings of bread & wine (red) or juice (white) await you; gluten-free bread is available. Communion will be distributed at the center aisle in front of the altar. *Please be sensitive to physical distancing.* After consuming the elements, place the cup in the trays provided.

Offerings may be left in the basket on the table at this time.

**WE'D LOVE TO CONNECT** If you find yourself in a time of spiritual need or you're searching for more, we would love to walk with you. Simply fill out a Connections Card and we will contact you.

**ABOUT THE LITURGICAL ARTS INSTALLATION:** *40 + 1 Drops*  
40 days of rain. 40 days in the wilderness. 40 years of wandering.  
1 drop that changed everything.

**First Sunday of Season of  
Creation**  
Sunday, September 1, 2024  
10:00 a.m.



**Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
745 Front Street South  
Issaquah, WA 98027  
425-392-4169

## HOLY COMMUNION

### GATHERING: THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

#### PRELUDE

*Prelude in E—J. S. Bach*

Paul Turel

#### WELCOME

Pr. Olaf Baumann

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship God, who gifted us with life and Creation to sustain life.

**We praise God for the wondrous Creation.**

Come, let us follow Lord Jesus Christ, who inspires us to hope and act for justice and righteousness.

**We give glory to God, who restores the groaning Creation and the vulnerable.**

Come let us move with the Holy Spirit, striving to establish justice and produce the firstfruits of hope.

**We praise God for the abundant life that is assured to all Creation.**

Heavenly Triune God and Creator of all, we gather here, made in the image of the Creator,  
**Who created in love.**

We gather in the name of the redeemer, our Savior Jesus Christ,

**Who reconciles all of Creation.**

We gather in the presence of the life Giver, your Holy Spirit,

**Who inspires new life and instills hope.**

(Credit: World Council of Churches, Eco-School at the Orthodox Academy of Crete, Greece, 11-18  
November 2023)

#### OPENING HYMN

*O Day of Rest and Gladness*

ELW 521

#### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

# KYRIE


*Refrain*




Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.




Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for  
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for  
hun-gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam-i-ly; for  
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



*Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

## WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE READING, PREACHING, AND SONG.

### FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

<sup>1</sup>So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

<sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

The word of the Lord.     **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 15

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,  
who speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue,  
they do no evil to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup>**In their sight the wicked are rejected,  
but they honor those who fear the LORD.**

**They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain,  
nor do they take bribes against the innocent.  
Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

### SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-25

<sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The word of the Lord.     **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## THE GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines."

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

<sup>21</sup>"For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*O God, My Faithful God*

ELW 806

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Season of Creation 2024)**

Let us recite this affirmation of faith together.

**We have faith**

**in one God, one Source of all life,  
one Ground of the whole Earth,  
who created all things good.**

**And we have faith**

**in Christ, in whom we have been shown the special role of humanity to bear  
God's likeness in working and caring for Creation,  
in seeking to understand her mysteries and powers,  
in working with these powers  
for the wellbeing of life on Earth.**

**And we have faith**

**in God's Spirit who leads us to a meek, unselfish and compassionate lifestyle.  
So that the Earth is inherited in peace,  
her life is transformed for all creatures and her bounty shared justly.  
So be it. Amen.**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**MEAL: GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.**

**TEMPLE TALK**

Litter Clean Up

Jon S.

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

*Prelude in D minor*—J. S. Bach

Paul Turel

## CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## OFFERING PRAYER

God of truth and justice:

**Fill us with your spirit of compassion so we may live and act with and in solidarity with Creation.**

**Guide us in paths of righteousness that help us to tread softly on the land and sail gently on the sea.**

**Give us wisdom and courage to recognize our role in the evil of systemic exploitation and extraction and to speak truth to power.**

**Give us strength of heart and arm to be agents of the ecological conversion the world so desperately needs.**

**May we hope and act with Creation. Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

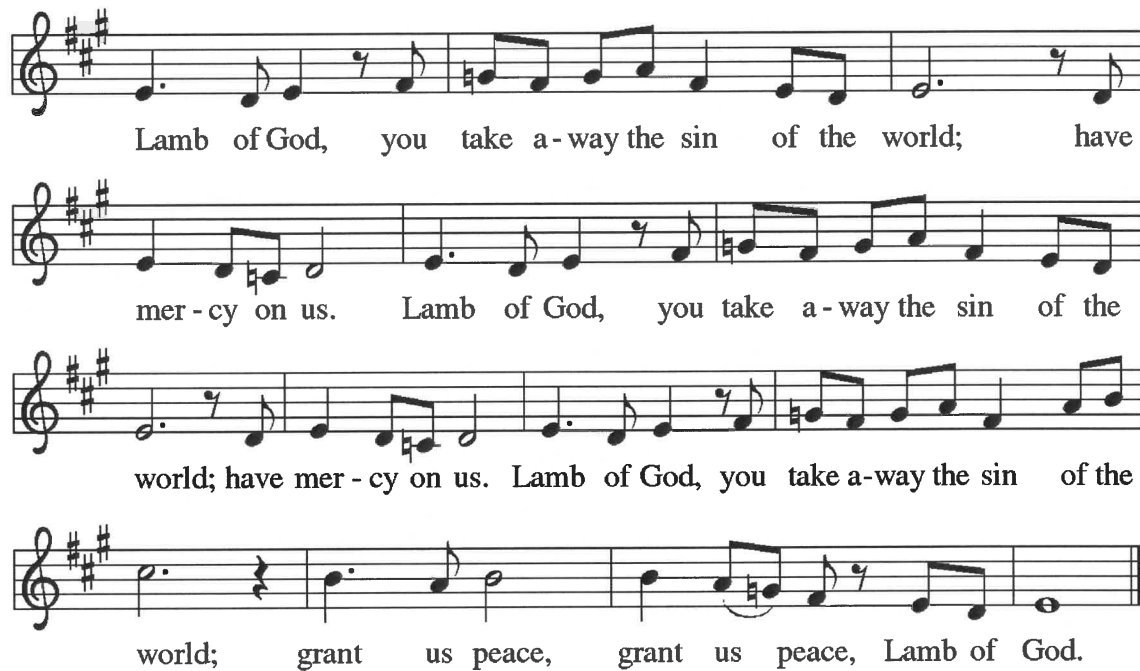
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

### KNEELING COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Please follow the guidance of the ushers and line up in the center aisle. Proceed to stand or kneel at the communion rail **starting at the far back. Left side of sanctuary should go to the left rail, and right side to right rail.** When the rail is full, wait in the center aisle until people leave.*

*When people have left, fill the rail again as before. **(Left side to left rail, and right to right.)** If a person needs longer, please wait until that person has finished. Do not line up at the rail to the left of a person from the previous group who has not yet been served, even if space is available. Please be patient and give everyone the time they need. **Communion will be served clockwise as the rail fills.***

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* ELW 461

*We Come to the Hungry Feast* ELW 479

*There Is a Balm in Gilead* ELW 614

## COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

### BENEDICTION

May God who can set Creation free, show us his glory.

### Glory to God.

May God who knows our groaning and crying, bring about new life.

### Now and always.

May God who helps us in our weakness, give us the firstfruits of hope.

### The Lord is our hope.

And may the Triune God sprinkle into our hearts the dew of his grace and bless us all.

**Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SENDING HYMN

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

ELW 674

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*—J. S. Bach

Paul Turel

# OSLC Announcements

## Season of Creation Starts Today: Labyrinth, Resident Artist, and Art Workshops

Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. Our well-being is interwoven with the well-being of the Earth. This year the theme for the Season of Creation is “To hope and act with Creation.”

### Labyrinth of Lanterns: A Community Art Installation

OSLC and the non-profit Issaquah Arts have partnered up to provide opportunities to encourage hope and action for Christians and non-Christians alike. As a visible sign for hope, we will create a temporary labyrinth on the meadow in the back of the church building, transforming industrial-sized cans into lanterns. The lanterns will be the joints of the labyrinth. The bones of the labyrinth will be shaped by garlands and foraged materials. Workshops will be offered in which people can learn how to make these out of locally sourced materials. All are invited to participate. From Saturday, September 21 until October 6, the labyrinth is accessible to all during day time. The lanterns will be lit every night from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

### Resident Artist and Art Workshops

From September 4 to October 4, fiber artist Janice King will be resident artist in an atelier (art studio/workshop) downstairs at OSLC (Room 14/15). She will be working on the project, *Trees of Memory Future*. During this month, more artists will offer workshops with a focus on art rooted in nature.

### Please Mark Your Calendar

Here are early-mid September events and workshops for the Season of Creation. The complete list of events is in the narthex and will be featured in the September Focus.

#### Wednesday, September 4

\*Artist Residency Begins

#### Thursday, September 5

\*Issaquah Arts Lantern-Making Workshop, Anderson Hall, 1:00-3:30 p.m.

#### Sunday, September 8

\*Lantern Making after Coffee Hour, Anderson Hall, 11:00 a.m.

#### Sunday, September 15

\*Artist Talk with Janice King at OSLC Coffee Hour, Anderson Hall, 11:00 a.m.

\*Autumn Garland Workshop with Jess Buttermore, Anderson Hall, 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m., [registration required](#)

#### Tuesday, September 17

\*Harvest Moon Celebration, Anderson Hall, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

\*Open Studio with Janice King, OSLC Atelier, Ground Floor, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

#### Saturday, September 21

\***Autumn Equinox: Opening of the Labyrinth of Lanterns, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

\*Open Studio with Janice King, OSLC Atelier, Ground Floor, 7:00-9:00 p.m.



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# OSLC Announcements

## Issaquah Litter Clean Up Event on Saturday, September 7

Please join us on Saturday, September 7 for the monthly Issaquah Litter Clean-up Event!

Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Post Office parking lot on NW Gilman Blvd. It will happen rain or shine.

Coffee and snacks will be provided.

- Use your own gloves and trash bags.
- Team up with a friend. Select an area to work, and then move out.
- Dispose of litter in municipal trash bins/dumpsters. Don't leave it.
- Use common sense and be safe.

Join our Facebook Group:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/611860370604097/>

Questions? Email Jon at  
[jsmith1099@hotmail.com](mailto:jsmith1099@hotmail.com)

Check out our new safety vests!



## ✦ Share & Prayer ✦

*We invite you to include these people in your daily prayers. You can send your prayer requests via email to [office@oslmissaquah.org](mailto:office@oslmissaquah.org). A complete list of prayers can be found in the Focus newsletter each month.*

- ◆ **Bob J.**, who is receiving treatment for cancer, **and his family**
- ◆ **Dianne T.**, for healing, strength, and peace through her ongoing treatment
- ◆ **Diane M.**, who is in a rehab center
- ◆ **Ruben N.**, for healing of the severe burns on his foot (Connie F.)
- ◆ **Hunter S.**, for recovery following a bad motorcycle accident (Marilyn C.)
- ◆ **Jean R.**, who has terminal cancer (Lois D.)
- ◆ **Rich T.**, for health and comfort as he faces cancer (long-time friend of Lyle & Alice L.)
- ◆ Prayers for healing for **Steve**, who needs to have surgery on September 5 (Nora T.)
- ◆ **Wendy W.**, who is recovering from surgery
- ◆ **Mary F.**, for encouragement, strength, and healing
- ◆ **Renee J.**, for healing (Connie F.)

### Mourning the death of loved ones:

Please keep their family and friends in your prayers.

- ◆ **Carl Nims**



### Serving in Worship Today

<b>Presiding Minister:</b>	Pr. Olaf Baumann
<b>Preacher:</b>	Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Jen W.
<b>Organist:</b>	Paul Turel
<b>Usher:</b>	Carl and Judy B.
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Stacy S.
<b>Sound/Videography:</b>	Jon S.

# This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

## TODAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

## SEPTEMBER 1—FIRST SUNDAY OF SEASON OF CREATION

*Spirit of Peace UCC*

**Worship Service (Sanctuary)**

**Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)**

*New Creation Church (Downstairs)*

## MONDAY

## SEPTEMBER 2—LABOR DAY

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.**

## TUESDAY

7:45 p.m.

## SEPTEMBER 3

*AA—Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)*

## WEDNESDAY

## SEPTEMBER 4

**Janice King's Artist Residency Begins (OSLC Atelier, Ground Floor)**

## THURSDAY

9:30 am

10:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

1:00 p.m.

## SEPTEMBER 5

**Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)**

*Al-Anon (Education Room)*

**Autumn Wisdom Group (Library)**

**Issaquah Arts Lantern-Making Workshop (Anderson Hall)**

## NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

12:30 p.m.

## SEPTEMBER 8—SECOND SUNDAY OF SEASON OF CREATION

*Spirit of Peace UCC*

**Worship Service (Sanctuary)**

**Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)**

**Lantern Making after Coffee Hour (Anderson Hall)**

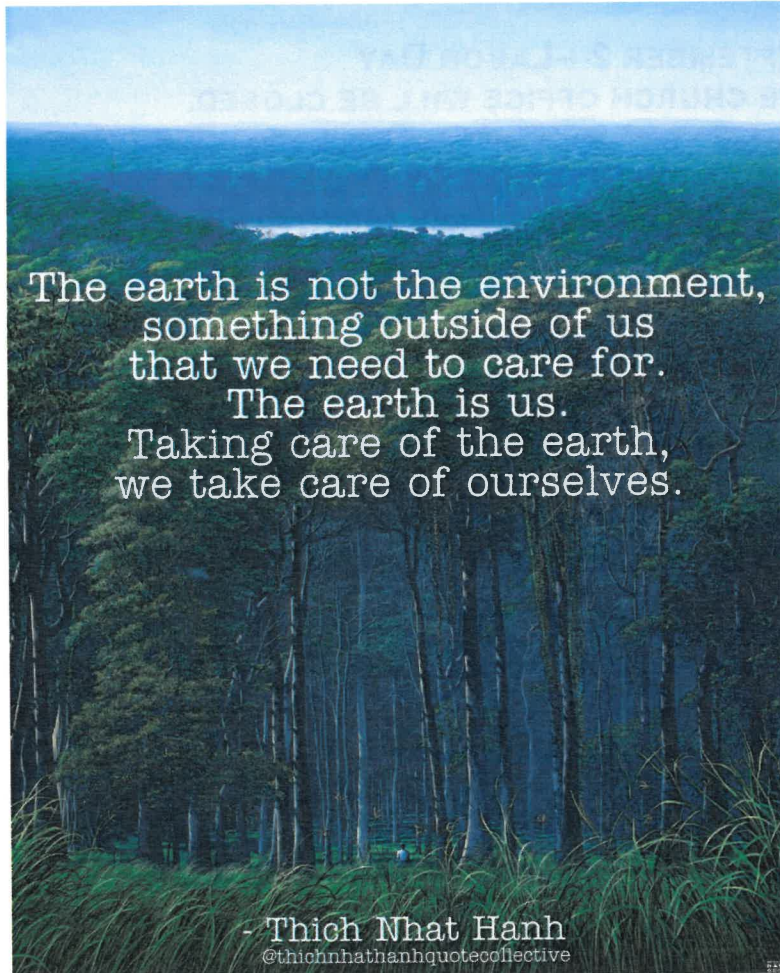
*Zadinsky Violin Class (Sanctuary)*

*New Creation Church (Downstairs)*

## Emergency Pastoral Care

For emergency pastoral care, please contact Pr. Olaf Baumann at 360-912-1830 or Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann at 360-912-1245.





The earth is not the environment,  
something outside of us  
that we need to care for.  
The earth is us.  
Taking care of the earth,  
we take care of ourselves.

- Thich Nhat Hanh  
@thichnhathanhquotecollective



*The Blue Marble*, the first complete photograph of Earth, taken during the Apollo 17 Flight on December 7, 1972

