



OUR SAVIOR
LUTHERAN CHURCH



**SEASON OF
CREATION**

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.

**Third Sunday of Season of
Creation**

Sunday, September 15, 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

Change My Heart, O God—Eddie Espinosa

David Liu

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

God Is Here!

ELW 526

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

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

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

PSALM 116:1-9

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,
²**for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**
³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.
⁴**Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**
⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.
⁶**The LORD watches over the innocent;
I was brought low, and God saved me.**
⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt well with you.

**⁸For you have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

**⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD
in the land of the living.**

SECOND READING

James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

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

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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

SERMON

Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann

HYMN OF THE DAY

For the Beauty of the Earth

ELW 879

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

Stewardship

Jeff Jewell

OFFERTORY MUSIC

David Liu

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 soli-
darity 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

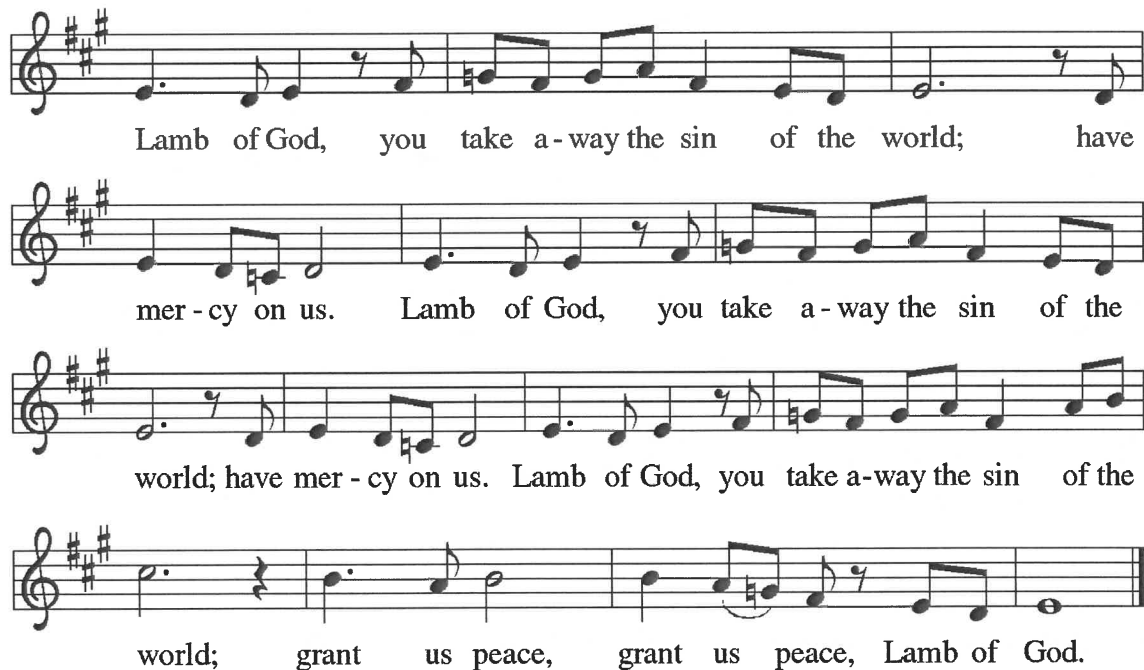
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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

Change My Heart, O God (sing 2-3x) ELW 801

Here Is Bread ELW 483

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart ELW 484

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

ELW 733

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Come to Jesus—Chris Rice

David Liu

OSLC Announcements

Season of Creation Updates and Spotlight

OSLC is buzzing with activity and preparations for the Season of Creation/Arts Sanctuary. It's an organic, evolving scene, according to Issaquah Arts co-founder and President, Rachel Wright. Members of the Issaquah community are excited to create art, help to teach art, and/or become a part of a project that brings together the community. People are recognizing this special opportunity to celebrate creativity, nature, and spirit.

Artist in Residence Janice King is working downstairs to assemble her fabric art piece, *Trees of Memory Future*. The initial shape of the labyrinth has been staked out with more than 500 white flags in the meadow behind the church. There's a nature mandala being assembled under the cedar tree in the lawn along Front Street S (offering a visual treat to commuters); bring some flowers, leaves, or branches to add, if you'd like. Artistic wooden signs have been specially created from pallets for signage along Front Street S. Lantern-making workshops continue, using the hundreds of cans donated by six Issaquah restaurants.

More organizations continue to learn about this and get involved:

- ◆ Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust is loaning 100 baby trees from its nursery for the labyrinth (Thanks, Ken Konigsmark!).
- ◆ Issaquah Parks Department has salvaged cedar boughs and a large rock for the center of the labyrinth from a trail renovation at Hillside Park. The cedar will complement the lanterns, forming the rings of the labyrinth, while the rock grounds the center of the design.
- ◆ Musicians from the Issaquah Philharmonic and Suzuki Strings will play in the sanctuary on the opening night of the labyrinth.

Spotlight on Special Events: You're Invited!

On Tuesday, September 17, the Harvest Moon Celebration will take place in Anderson Hall from 7:00-9:00 p.m. It's a get-together of all those who are creating and participating in this Season of Creation/Arts Sanctuary. It will include snacks and hot cider. Anderson Hall will be specially decorated to offer a sneak peek at the lanterns and the elements that will be used to shape the labyrinth. Artist Liz St. Andre will be making luminaries from her cyanotype prints. You can also make lanterns for the last time and spend time with Janice King in the art studio.

On Saturday, September 21, Autumn Equinox: Opening of the Labyrinth of Lanterns will take place from 7:00-9:00 p.m. **This is the official opening night of the labyrinth.** You can walk the illuminated labyrinth in the meadow behind the church, relax around a fire pit, and even drop in to hear Issaquah Philharmonic and Suzuki Strings' musicians in the sanctuary. The sanctuary will offer a reflective space to sit down before or after you walk the labyrinth, including a display of dozens of cyanotype-art-wrapped candles (with LED lights).



**LABYRINTH
OF LANTERNS**
ILLUMINATED NIGHTLY SEPT 21 - OCT 6

OSLC Announcements

September Season of Creation Events

TODAY, Sunday, September 15

- *Artist Talk with Janice King at OSLC Coffee Hour, Anderson Hall, 11:00 a.m.
- *Drop-in Lantern Making, Anderson Hall, 3:00-4:30 p.m. (instead of Garland Making)

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.

Thursday, September 19

- *Open Studio with Janice King, OSLC Atelier, Ground Floor, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 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.

Sunday, September 22

- *Guided Walk with Issaquah Alps Trails Club, Labyrinth, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 24

- *Cyanotype Botanical Print Workshop with Liz St. Andre, Anderson Hall, 1:00-3:30 p.m., **registration required**

Thursday, September 26

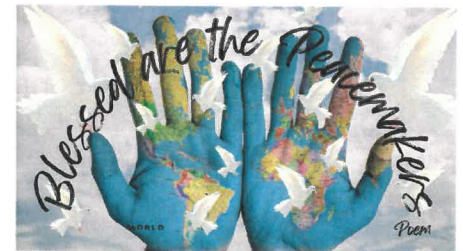
- *Open Studio with Janice King, OSLC Atelier, Ground Floor, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 28

- *Cyanotype Botanical Print Workshop with Liz St. Andre, Anderson Hall, 1:00-3:30 p.m., **registration required**

Sunday, September 29

- *Labyrinth Gathering with Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann: Blessed are the Peacemakers, 2:00-3:00 p.m.: *An invitation to gather in the labyrinth and hold people in war-torn areas in our thoughts and prayers.*



To learn more about events or to RSVP, go to <https://www.issaquaharts.org/sanctuary>. Scroll down to Workshops and Gatherings and click the RSVP tab below the box of the event you want to attend. All events are listed there. **RSVP is not required for free events, but we would love to know you're coming!**

All events are free except for the Cyanotype Botanical Print Workshops on September 24 and 26. Each Cyanotype workshop costs \$85; that fee includes all materials. **Space is limited, and registration is required.** When you click on the Register tab below each Cyanotype Workshop box (example above), you'll be forwarded to Liz's website to register.

OSLC Announcements

What's Coming Up . . .

- ◆ **Fall Community Game Night, Sunday, September 22, 5:00-7:00 p.m.:** This is the first family game night of the Fall at a local Lutheran Church. If you're looking for a fun evening of playing games, bring a game and a snack to share to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 8501 SE 40th Street, Mercer Island, WA 98040.
- ◆ **Interested in The LiVE Project?** The LiVE Project—classes, retreats, and events offered in-person and online by the NW WA Synod—was featured in the September Focus newsletter. You were encouraged to email Cynthia ASAP at office@oslciissaquah.org so we can gauge whether OSLC should buy the Congregational Bundle for \$500 (instead of each person paying \$50 for each LiVE event). **So far, I've only heard from two people! Please let me know if there is greater interest, or else we won't buy the Congregation Bundle. Thanks!**
- ◆ **Fall Education with Pr. Olaf: "Paul's Letter to Philemon and the Early Church":** Thursdays in October and November, 12 p.m. in Anderson Hall and 7 p.m. on Zoom. October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, November 7, 14, 21. More details will be forthcoming.



Serving in Worship Today

Presiding Minister: Pr. Olaf Baumann
Preacher: Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann
Assisting Minister: Joan F.
Pianist: David Liu
Ushers: Anne E. and Bill S.
Altar Guild: Barbara F.-S.
Sound/Videography: Jon S.

✦ Share & Prayer ✦

We invite you to include these people in your daily prayers. You can send your prayer requests via email to office@oslciissaquah.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.)
- ◆ **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.)
- ◆ **Steve**, who is recovering from surgery (Nora T.)
- ◆ **Wendy W.**, who is recovering from surgery
- ◆ **Mary F.**, for encouragement, strength, and healing
- ◆ **Renee J.**, with thanksgiving for healing (Connie F.)
- ◆ **Matthew**, who is severely ill and in the hospital (Community Meals Program)
- ◆ **For people served by the Community Meals Program**



Mourning the death of loved ones:
 Please keep their family and friends in your prayers.

- ◆ **Kathy L.** (friend of Dianne Tanner)
- ◆ **Carl Nims**

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

3:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 15—THIRD SUNDAY OF SEASON OF CREATION

Spirit of Peace UCC

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)

Artist Talk with Janice King (Anderson Hall)

New Creation Church (Downstairs)

Drop-in Lantern Making (Anderson Hall)

MONDAY

3:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 16

Companions Bible Study (online)

Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)

Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)

TUESDAY

7:00 p.m.

7:45 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 17

Harvest Moon Celebration (Anderson Hall)

Open Studio with Janice King (OSLC Atelier, Ground Floor)

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous (Location TBD)

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

1:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 19

Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)

Open Studio with Janice King (OSLC Atelier, Ground Floor)

Al-Anon (Education Room)

Wisdom Seekers (formerly Autumn Wisdom) (Anderson Hall)

Community Meal Prep (Kitchen)

Finance Committee (online)

Boy Scout Troop 676 PLC (Anderson Hall)

SATURDAY

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 21

Autumn Equinox: Opening of the Labyrinth of Lantern (Labyrinth and Sanctuary)

Open Studio with Janice King (OSLC Atelier, Ground Floor)

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

2:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 22—FOURTH SUNDAY OF SEASON OF CREATION

Spirit of Peace UCC

Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)

New Creation Church (Downstairs)

Guided Walk with Issaquah Alps Trails Club (Labyrinth)



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.



