



CHRIST CHURCH GREENWICH CREATION CARE

The Creation Care Series

“Millions of people know the power of discovering God not only in ancient churches, monasteries, and holy sites but also in the surrounding landscapes. Who can venture through a forest of redwood trees or stand on a mountain overlooking the valleys below and not have a religious experience?” says our Rector, Marek Zabriskie. “Climate change and global warming are affecting all of creation. “As Christians, we can play a critical role in helping to reshape our self-understanding and attachment to the earth-while there is still time. Christianity demands that we critically rethink our lifestyles, our use of resources and our attachment to creation, and our theology and mission.”

Sunday Forums, 11:15 am
CCG Parish Hall
Livestream or in-person

April 24
Creation Care Kickoff with Stewart Lindsay

Many of us have had peak religious moments in nature when we are reminded of the beauty of creation and encounter God’s cathedral in its widest sense, in surrounding landscapes or sunsets. The outdoors is indeed the handiwork of God. Climate change and global warming are now affecting all of creation. Nature is resilient but delicate. Some people misinterpret the scripture as giving humans dominance over nature. The world is at risk. How can we, as Christians, become stewards of the Earth and be responsible in our relationship with earth, as God has asked us to do?

May 1
“How People of Faith Can Help with a Climate Revival” with The Rev. Jim Antal

We can shift our focus from personal salvation to collective salvation. Because climate change amplifies all forms of injustice – hunger, refugees, racism, poverty, inequality, deadly viruses, war – defense of creation is a campaign for justice. By reorienting what

we prize through new approaches to worship, preaching, witnessing, and other spiritual practices, we can honor creation as we cultivate hope and discover new joy. The Rev. Jim Antal, author of *Climate Church, Climate World*, is a denominational leader, climate activist, author and public theologian. He serves as Special Advisor on Climate Justice to the General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ. Antal is a graduate of Princeton University, Andover Newton Theological School, and Yale Divinity School, where he was Henri Nouwen's teaching assistant. In 2017, Yale Divinity School honored him with the William Sloane Coffin Award for Peace and Justice. Antal received the 2019 Steward of Creation award from the National Religious Coalition for Creation Care, joining the Rev. Dr. Gerald Durley and Prof. Katharine Hayhoe, and previous awardees HAH Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, Bill McKibben, the Sioux Nation, James Hansen and Wendell Berry.

Mother's Day, May 8

"Lighting the Way: Nine Women Who Changed Modern America" with Karena Gore

Ms. Gore is the author of the book, *Lighting the Way: Nine Women Who Changed Modern America*. All of these women did work that was highly relevant to Creation Care, particularly Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Mother Jones, Alice Hamilton, and Dolores Huerta. She is the founder and executive director of the Center for Earth Ethics at Union Theological Seminary in New York. Karena formed CEE in 2015 to address the moral and spiritual dimensions of the climate crisis. Working at the intersection of faith, ethics, and ecology, she guides the Center's public programs, educational initiatives, and movement-building. Her previous experience includes serving as director of Union Forum at Union Theological Seminary, a platform for theological scholarship to engage with civic discourse and social change. She also worked at the legal center of Sanctuary for Families, which serves victims of domestic violence and trafficking, was director of community affairs for the Association to Benefit Children, which provides early childhood education and other services for New York City families living in poverty, and was an associate with the law firm of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett. A graduate of Harvard College, Karena earned her law degree from Columbia Law School and a master's in social ethics from Union Theological Seminary. She lives in New York City with her three children.

May 15

"Enviropreneur Showcase: Innovative Ways Religion, Ecology, and Economics Can Be Combined to Forge Creative Environmental Solutions" with The Rev. Fletcher Harper

The Rev. Fletcher Harper is an Episcopal priest and the executive director of GreenFaith, a national interfaith environmental coalition headquartered in Highland Park, N.J. During his tenure at GreenFaith, Harper has launched the GreenFaith Fellowship Program, an interfaith environmental leadership initiative. A graduate of Princeton University and Union Theological Seminary, Harper served as a parish priest for 10 years and in leadership positions in the Episcopal Church before joining GreenFaith. Under his leadership, GreenFaith has developed innovative programs

linking religious belief and practice to the environment. An award-winning spiritual writer and nationally recognized preacher on the environment, he teaches and speaks at houses of worship from a range of denominations about the moral, spiritual basis for environmental stewardship and justice.

May 22

“Spiritual Resilience and Leadership in a Climate Emergency” with The Rev. Dr. Margaret Bullitt-Jones

In the face of ecological crisis, how do we maintain courage and hope? What spiritual practices and perspectives sustain us as we struggle to protect the web of life and to create a more just society? Rev. Margaret will present what she calls “a framework for the heart” to address climate grief and anxiety. The Rev. Dr. Margaret Bullitt-Jones is an Episcopal priest, author, retreat leader, and climate activist. She has been a lead organizer of many Christian and interfaith events about care for Earth, and she leads spiritual retreats in the U.S.A. and Canada on spiritual resilience and resistance in the midst of a climate emergency. Her latest book, [*Rooted and Rising: Voices of Courage in a Time of Climate Crisis*](#) (2019) is a co-edited collection of essays by religious environmental activists. She has been arrested in Washington, D.C., and elsewhere to protest expanded use of fossil fuels. The Episcopal Dioceses of Massachusetts and Western Massachusetts just declared a declaration of climate emergency, which Rev. Bullitt-Jones co-authored. She serves as Missioner for Creation Care in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Mass. and Southern New England Conference, United Church of Christ, and as Creation Care Advisor for the Episcopal Diocese of Mass. Her website, RevivingCreation.org, includes blog posts, sermons, videos, and articles.

May 28

“What Might We Owe?” with Bill McKibbin

The extraordinary wealth of American suburbia is reflected in, among other things, clouds of carbon now warming the world. But this is not an unpayable debt, just one so far-unpaid; it's a moment to think about how we can build the world we really want for those coming next. Bill McKibben wrote the first book about climate change, *The End of Nature*, in 1989; he has since written 20 books, gotten 20 honorary degrees, and been arrested 11 times.