

Grace Creation Care

August, 2024



Loving Formation (Pray)

Rainbow Prayer for Operation Noah

Creator God, how deep are your designs!

You made a living earth, cloud, rain and wind,
and charged us with their care.

We confess that the way we live today is
changing the climate, the seas and the balance of
life, dispossessing the poor and future
generations.

Build our lives into an ark for all creation, and, as
you promised Noah never to repeat the Flood, so
make us heralds of a rainbow covenant: choosing
life for all that is at risk – for creation, for
neighbours near and far, our children and
ourselves. Amen.

From Operation Noah launch, Coventry Cathedral, 2004



Liberating Advocacy (Advocate)

The next meeting of Grace Church's Creation
Care group will meet on Sunday evening, August
11th from 6 – 8 pm in the vacant lot next to
Grace's parking lot! Come and brainstorm with
us on ways in which Grace Church can advocate
for the Christian Practice of Earthkeeping!

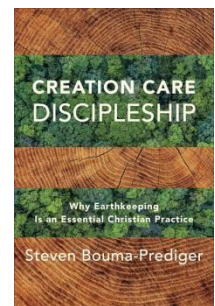
Also, September 1 opens **The Season of
Creation!** Look for table displays in The
Commons for ways we can all Pray, Advocate,
Learn and Act!!!

Loving Creation (Learn)

As a group we are reading Creation Care
Discipleship by Steven Bouma-Prediger. Steve
looks at this topic through three main questions:

1. What does the Bible say?
2. What does the Christian Tradition teach?
3. How should followers of Jesus live?

And from Joseph Sittler, "If in
piety the church says, "The
earth is the Lord's and the
fullness there of (Psalm 24:1)
and in fact is not different in
thought and action from the
general community, who will
be drawn to her word and
worship to 'come and see' that her work or
salvation has any meaning? Witness in saying is
irony and bitterness without witness in doing."



Joseph Sittler, "Evangelism and Care of the Earth," 1973
(available in Evocations of Grace, edited by Peter Bakken
and Steve BP)

Life-giving Conservation (Act)

Annual Tour de Grace – Grace's annual bike
ride will place on Sunday, August 4th! Details are
in the bulletin!

**Plainsong Farm Visit! Sunday, September
15th!** Join with many folk who meet at Plainsong
Farm on Sunday evenings at 4:30 pm for worship
in nature and a shared meal together! Meet in
the Grace church parking lot at 3:30 pm to car
pool!!! Bring something to pass for the shared
meal! There is always enough!