

Grace Creation Care

July, 2024



Loving Formation (Pray)

We raise our voices in exuberant praise for Your creative majesty, which knows no bounds.

From the tiniest insect that dances upon a blade of grass to the grandeur of galaxies that adorn the night sky,

Your boundless imagination astounds us. In this prayer, we acknowledge the gift of Your artistry that surrounds us at every turn.

May our lives become a living testament to Your artistic brilliance as we strive to protect, nurture, and cherish all that You have so meticulously crafted.

We praise You, O Creator, and offer our unwavering gratitude. Amen.



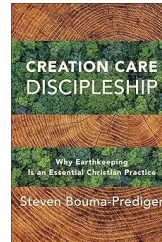
Liberating Advocacy (Advocate)

For God's sake, standing alongside marginalized, vulnerable peoples, we will advocate and act to repair Creation and seek the liberation and flourishing of all people.

A local group that does great advocacy work is Citizens Climate Lobby and there is an active group in Holland. They meet the first Thursday of each month at Hope Church! The link to their local chapter is:

<https://community.citizensclimate.org/home>

Loving Creation (Learn)



Creation Care will be reading Steve Bouma Prediger's new book on '*Creation Care Discipleship*'. How can we advocate for creation through spiritual disciplines that are both old and new practices!

Join us as Bouma-Prediger unfolds a biblical vision of earthkeeping and challenges Christians to view care for the earth as an integral part of Christian discipleship. **Our next meeting is on July 14th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the home of Mary and Andy Huisman. All are welcome!**

St. John of Damascus (675-749)

"The whole earth is a living icon of the face of God."

Life-giving Conservation (Act)

Join members of Grace's Creation Care team and Holland Rotary as we do our '*Summer Highway Pick-up!*' Meet at 8:00 am on Saturday, July 13th! It is usually less than two hours. Meet at Veldheer's Tulip Farm on Quincy Street and US 31! A fun time! (Rain date is July 20th!)

Also on Saturday, July 13th is the *Macatawa Water Festival* at Windmill Island from 9:00 am – 1 pm. This is an activity of Outdoor Discovery Center and you can volunteer if you wish on their website! A lot of booths with information and also fun activities for children of all ages!

