

Because our world can change a lot in 40 days.


# Lenten Creation Care 2025

Lent is a time for prayer, fasting, and more intentional sharing. This year, our church is joining with many others in heeding the call to be stewards of God’s Creation throughout this season.

May this calendar remind us to be more mindful of the ways that our daily habits impact both our common home and all those with whom we share it.

On behalf of future generations and all living in poverty — those most harmed by our damaged climate — may we answer God’s call to be faithful stewards, speaking out for Creation care.

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<p>A prayer from Psalm 51:</p> <p><i>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Creator God, we begin this Lenten season asking for Your renewal. Through prayer, fasting, and sharing over these 40 days, we ask that our eyes be opened to the ways we can do better; in our relationships with You, Your Creation, and all those with whom we share this, our common home. Lord, help us to restore what has been damaged through our sinful overconsumption and the systemic injustices that surround us, returning to You with renewed spirits.</i></p>			<p><b>MARCH 5</b></p> <p><b>Ash Wednesday</b></p> <p>IPC’s Faithful Green Leaders training can help strengthen environmental efforts at your church. Today is the last day to sign up for the March sessions! <a href="http://bit.ly/greenteamtraining">bit.ly/greenteamtraining</a></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>The Catholic Church has declared 2025 a year of Jubilee. Read the Pope’s hope-filled letter commemorating this year: <a href="http://bit.ly/jubileeletter">bit.ly/jubileeletter</a></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Interested in going solar at home? Join a purchasing group with neighbors through Capital Area Switch Together: <a href="http://bit.ly/faithinsolar">bit.ly/faithinsolar</a></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>For International Women’s Day, learn why educating women and girls around the world is a key climate solution: <a href="http://bit.ly/earthwomen">bit.ly/earthwomen</a></p>
<p>Ps 91:15, “I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them.” No community is disposable. Learn about “sacrifice zones” and how we can help: <a href="http://bit.ly/ted_sacrificezones">bit.ly/ted_sacrificezones</a></p> <p><b>9</b></p>	<p>Climate grief is our response to witnessing ecological crisis. Learn more about GreenFaith’s online climate grief circles, or start your own: <a href="http://bit.ly/gfgriefcircles">bit.ly/gfgriefcircles</a></p> <p><b>10</b></p>	<p>Want a deeper theological frame for Creation care? Download “Power of God” from Creation Justice Ministries to learn how God calls us to a restorative faith. <a href="http://bit.ly/CJM2025">bit.ly/CJM2025</a></p> <p><b>11</b></p>	<p>Reduce your food waste by planning well and eating leftovers. Consider composting what’s left at home or get table scraps picked up: <a href="http://CompostCrew.com">CompostCrew.com</a>, <a href="http://VeteranCompost.com">VeteranCompost.com</a>, <a href="http://KeyCompost.com">KeyCompost.com</a></p> <p><b>12</b></p>	<p>Burning gas indoors harms the climate and our health. Beyond Gas groups tested NO2 levels in over 600 gas-burning kitchens while the stoves were on. Read the results: <a href="http://bit.ly/beyondgasreport">bit.ly/beyondgasreport</a></p> <p><b>13</b></p>	<p>Christians have fasted from meat during Lent for generations. Try eating vegetarian today and check out Oxfam’s Eat for Good resources for other ways to use your fast to bless others: <a href="http://bit.ly/eat4good">bit.ly/eat4good</a></p> <p><b>14</b></p>	<p>Ps 104:24, “How many are your works, LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.” Go for a nature walk and meditate on this verse. What is the psalm saying about creation?</p> <p><b>15</b></p>
<p>Ps 27:1, “The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?” Our faith can help us face eco-anxiety and live with resilience. <a href="http://bit.ly/candmcsf">bit.ly/candmcsf</a></p> <p><b>16</b></p>	<p>Be on the lookout for our open mic night called Green Jams! We’ll gather for a chance to share music, poetry, and stories around climate justice: <a href="http://bit.ly/IPLgetupdates">bit.ly/IPLgetupdates</a></p> <p><b>17</b></p>	<p>Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake can support you and your congregation in stewarding our land and streams: <a href="http://bit.ly/ipcresources">bit.ly/ipcresources</a></p> <p><b>18</b></p>	<p>“Do unto those downstream,” teaches Wendell Berry, “as you’d have those upstream do unto you.” Affirm your church’s watershed stewardship by signing IPC’s Partner Congregation Pledge: <a href="http://bit.ly/IPCpledge">bit.ly/IPCpledge</a></p> <p><b>19</b></p>	<p>EmPOWER Maryland helps folks across Maryland save energy at home and at church: <a href="http://bit.ly/empowerMD">bit.ly/empowerMD</a></p> <p><b>20</b></p>	<p>What does the Bible have to say about climate change? IPL-DMV is planning our first-ever Climate Bible Study! Join us online Tuesday 4/8 at 7 pm. Register: <a href="http://bit.ly/iplbiblestudy">bit.ly/iplbiblestudy</a></p> <p><b>21</b></p>	<p>How can your church community help repair our climate? Join with other communities called by many traditions to this sacred work, and flock together with other “green sheep.” <a href="http://bit.ly/IPLsignup">bit.ly/IPLsignup</a></p> <p><b>22</b></p>

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Ps 55:3, “ <i>Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.</i> ” Who or what is something God is asking you to listen to? What is the Earth trying to say to us? <b>23</b>	Joanna Macy reframes the ecological crisis as “The Great Turning.” Listen and learn how this paradigm shift could be the creation of a more just and sustainable world. <a href="http://bit.ly/macypodep2">bit.ly/macypodep2</a> <b>24</b>	Indigenous rights and climate justice go hand-in-hand as native peoples have stewarded the planet for 30,000 years. Learn more with these resources from Creation Justice Ministries: <a href="http://bit.ly/lndgcjm">bit.ly/lndgcjm</a> <b>25</b>	Ps 25:4, “ <i>Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.</i> ” Take a mindful winter walk with guidance from the Center for Spirituality in Nature: <a href="http://bit.ly/csnsself-guided">bit.ly/csnsself-guided</a> <b>26</b>	Gn 1:12, “ <i>The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds.</i> ” Look up life-giving plants for your zip code at <a href="http://nativeplantfinder.nwf.org">nativeplantfinder.nwf.org</a> <b>27</b>	Join a community of folks with whom to undertake climate work in our congregations together: <a href="http://ipldmv.org/greengroups">ipldmv.org/greengroups</a> <b>28</b>	Kick off Earth Month next week with Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake in conversation with climate scientist Katharine Hayhoe: <a href="http://bit.ly/ipcfaithforum2025">bit.ly/ipcfaithforum2025</a> <b>29</b>
2 Cor 5:20, “ <i>We are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us.</i> ” How can you and/or your church be an ambassador for God’s creation? <b>30</b>	The United Church of Christ has worked on Environmental Racism since the 80’s. Learn more and incorporate anti-racism into your worship. <a href="http://bit.ly/uccenvracism">bit.ly/uccenvracism</a> <b>31</b>	<b>APRIL 1</b> How can we heat and cool our buildings without causing harm? Heat pumps! Watch IPL’s webinar on Holy Heat Pumps: <a href="http://bit.ly/holy_heatpumps">bit.ly/holy_heatpumps</a> , and learn about incentives at <a href="http://rewiringamerica.org">rewiringamerica.org</a>	Lk 9:31 “ <i>He replied, ‘You give them something to eat.’</i> ” Support the Black Church Food Security Network and learn how churches garden to care for the environment and feed our neighbors: <a href="http://bit.ly/bcfsnet">bit.ly/bcfsnet</a> <b>2</b>	Gn 1, “ <i>Let there be light!</i> ” Could your congregational facility go solar? Explore IPL’s solar congregations map and learn about no-money-down solar financing at <a href="http://ipldmv.org/solar">ipldmv.org/solar</a> <b>3</b>	Purchase locally-grown food this weekend. Walk to a farmers’ market or join a community-supported agriculture group: <a href="http://LocalHarvest.org">LocalHarvest.org</a> , or sign up to receive rescued produce weekly: <a href="http://HungryHarvest.net">HungryHarvest.net</a> <b>4</b>	Gn 2:15, “ <i>God took the human and put them in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.</i> ” Plan a garden today and start some seeds to germinate indoors: <a href="http://bit.ly/gavictorygardens">bit.ly/gavictorygardens</a> <b>5</b>
Arbor Day is around the corner. Consider a plan to plant more trees at your congregation. Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake can help through the Trees for Sacred Places program: <a href="http://bit.ly/ipctfsp">bit.ly/ipctfsp</a> <b>6</b>	1 Ti 4:4, “ <i>For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving.</i> ” Gratitude can help us with grief and fear. Write a gratitude list and keep it somewhere visible. <b>7</b>	Care for Creation and support clean energy by divesting from fossil fuels: <a href="http://bit.ly/gadivest-reinvest">bit.ly/gadivest-reinvest</a> and choosing a bank that aligns with your values: <a href="http://bit.ly/gabetterbanking">bit.ly/gabetterbanking</a> <b>8</b>	All are called to repair our climate. In April, our Jewish neighbors will gather for Passover seders to retell their story. Learn some Jewish teachings for climate action: <a href="http://dayenu.org/resources">dayenu.org/resources</a> <b>9</b>	Caring for creation includes responsibly disposing of electronics. Organize “E-cycling” for your congregation to dispose of old phones, tablets, computers, and TVs responsibly: <a href="http://bit.ly/esrecycler">bit.ly/esrecycler</a> <b>10</b>	Want to hear a sermon on climate change, sing a song about creation, or host a workshop on the harms of gas? Request a speaker here: <a href="http://ipldmv.org/learn/find-a-speaker/">ipldmv.org/learn/find-a-speaker/</a> <b>11</b>	Righteousness in the Bible is always connected to justice. Take time to read the Principles of Environmental Justice and reflect on how to embody them in your faith community: <a href="http://bit.ly/17EJPrinciples">bit.ly/17EJPrinciples</a> <b>12</b>
<b>Palm Sunday 13</b> Lk 19:40, “ <i>He answered, ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.’</i> ” Jesus says if we do not speak out, nature will. How is creation crying out today, and what can we do about it?	We can never give into despair. Eco-feminist author Rebecca Solnit reminds us in her book Not Too Late that we can never lose hope. Listen to her speak: <a href="http://bit.ly/solnitinterview">bit.ly/solnitinterview</a> <b>14</b>	As people of faith, we are called to make the injustices of colonization right. Visit <a href="http://native-land.ca">native-land.ca</a> to learn about the Indigenous peoples of the places where you reside. <b>15</b>	How can I be a part of faithful stewardship? What is mine to do? Listen to the BTS Center’s podcast Climate Changed to hear how we all have a part to play in caring for creation: <a href="http://bit.ly/btswhatismine">bit.ly/btswhatismine</a> <b>16</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday 17</b> Jn 13:35, “ <i>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.</i> ” Reflect on how strengthening our bonds within the church can help us be more resilient.	<b>Good Friday 18</b> Ps 22:1, “ <i>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?</i> ” Jesus quotes a psalm of anguish and despair. What suffering and injustice from environmental crises do we need to call out today? <a href="http://bit.ly/hrwenv">bit.ly/hrwenv</a>	<b>Holy Saturday 19</b> Welcome wildlife onto your congregation’s grounds with the National Wildlife Federation’s Sacred Grounds program: <a href="http://nwf.org/sacredgrounds">nwf.org/sacredgrounds</a>

## 20 Easter Sunday

Lk 24:11, “*But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.*”

It is hard to find good news these days. Can your community make space for good acts to rise amongst the chaos?



Take some time today to reflect on all of the activities that you have performed during Lent, and how they have brought you into greater harmony with the earth and with all life. Conclude your Lenten Creation care practice by making a personal pledge to serve God and serve others by pursuing a more sustainable way of life.