

Greetings Merging Waters,

August 26th, 2021

This week we continue to worship with our neighbours as we lift up the United Church's commitment to climate justice. How we choose to live out our commitment to live with respect in Creation. All places, things, all living beings have been created in love. How we treat creation shows our gratitude and love for ourselves and for the Divine in all.

As we celebrate the things we do as a denomination and as local church family to do our part as part of the Body of Christ to embody that love let us ask ourselves:

- What have we done to nurture and sustain Creation even as it nurtures and sustains us?
- What more can we do?
- What do we need to call upon others in the church, community, government, and corporations to do in order to protect the beautiful mother who births and forms us?
- What are we willing to give up of the wealth and comfort, that we have gained at the expense of the planet and of others, in order to live a just and Earth-nurturing life?
- What is the relationship between our faith and how we treat the Earth and one another?

There are many ways that we can find promise even when the world is on fire, in our faith and in our lives. We will lift up the reality, the challenges, and the hope the we find in the Divine in all of us as we worship this week.

Peace, hope, and the grace of our Divine Mother be with you all,

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