



Season of Creation
September 7- October 5, 2025

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home. This year our themes for each Sunday are sky, humanity, earth and mountains. This season is an opportunity to fall in love with the created world and see ourselves as creatures within the world that God so loves, rather than set apart from it.

Theologian Kate Bowler writes, “we seem hardwired to notice beauty. Which is another way of saying that God designed us to pay attention. There is something about the world’s glory, its light and shadow, its songbirds and seasons—that stirs up the deep place in us where awe lives. Ralph Waldo Emerson saw nature as a kind of spiritual tuning fork. The stars or horizon weren’t simply pretty; they helped us realign with the sacred. He called it learning “the lesson of worship.” We don’t live next to nature. We are nature. The sweaty, glorious, glandular creatures that we are. That’s the gospel of creatureliness: not dominion, but participation. Not above, but among.”

	Theme & text	Preacher	Extras	Second Hour
9/7	Sky Jeremiah 4.23-28, Psalm 19.1-6, Mark 15.33-39	Steve Shantz	Introducing new 9th graders	Wild Church@ Goshen College/ panel of farmers
9/14	Humanity Genesis 1.26-28 Psalm 8 Philippians 2:1-8	Scott Coulter	New 7th graders and mentors, Covenanting: Jill and Dan Koop Liechty	Rewilding yards @ Meribeth and Arden Shank's/ Creation Lessons and Carols
9/21	Earth Genesis 1.1-25 Ps. 33.1-9 John 1.1-14	TBD	SS/parent meeting (after 2nd hour)	How have our places shaped us? (Where I'm from poems)
9/28	Mountain Isaiah 65.17-25 Ps. 48.1-11	Karl Shelly	Covenanting: Lisa and Jason Kauffman	Rewilding at Pippen Roth's/ Creation hymn sing
10/5	St Francis of Assisi Psalm 148: 7-14	Mary Lehman Yoder	World Communion Surprise Luncheons	Fellowship time with snacks (Bring a finger food snack to share)

Looking for more ways to prepare for this season?
are some books and podcasts to get you started.

