

CARING FOR GOD'S BEAUTIFUL CREATION

Celebrating the 51th anniversary of Earth Day

April 22, 2021



The Message...

God spoke: "Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature so they can be responsible for the fish of the sea and the birds in the air and the cattle, and yes, Earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of the Earth."
Genesis 1:28

The Challenge...

All life is interconnected. In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are called to care for one another and for the whole of God's beautiful creation. Climate change is dramatically affecting us all. From fires like those in California and Australia, to hurricanes and typhoons, to increasing floods and droughts, to a warming ocean and rising sea levels, to more severe storms, the whole of creation is suffering and at risk.

The Opportunity...

Just as we have seen how individuals staying at home has dramatically slowed the spreading of the corona virus, your individual actions to be responsible and care for God's creation make a difference. Each individual action has an impact and collectively we can help heal the planet. Celebrate the 51th anniversary of Earth Day on April 22 and join Village Church's Environmental Action Committee by doing any or all of the following actions during Earth Month 2021 and beyond.

- ___ Eat less meat, especially beef and lamb. Eat lower on the food chain.
- ___ Buy locally grown food, especially organic.
- ___ Eliminate food waste. Eat left-overs.
- ___ Compost food and other organic waste.
- ___ Reduce. Consume less.
- ___ Reuse. Avoid single use items, especially plastic.
- ___ Recycle. Sort your trash.
- ___ Make your next car a hybrid and/or an electric.
- ___ Plant a tree or two.
- ___ Consume renewable energy (Evergy's renewable subscription program* or Arcadia Power**).

* <https://www.evergy.com/smart-energy/renewable-resources/subscription-programs>

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