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An Affirming Ministry

September 15, 2019 10:30 a.m.

MINISTERS: The People with ... Miriam Flynn and Jim Ball

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY: Alison MacNeill

VU—Voices United

Creation 2

MV—More Voices



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WORDS OF WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: May our praise echo on high
and circle the earth.

**All: May our thanks inspire the blossoms
on the growing limb.**

One: May our gratitude bless the rains
that feed the stream and swell the grain.

**All: May our appreciation dance through the woods
and stir the meadow grass.**

One: May our regard for plant life
contribute to the greening of all things.

**All: For we are the gardeners
and the garden.**

One: Glad and grateful,
with prayer and song,
we offer now our worship.

SONG VU 409 Morning has Broken

GATHERING PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER SONG VU 227 For the Fruit of All Creation v.1

READING Genesis 1:9-13a

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SONG MV 41 O Beautiful Gaia

ENGAGING THE STORY

CHOIR SONG For the Beauty of the Earth *John Rutter*

OFFERING AND DEDICATION SONG

VU 541 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SONG VU 307 Touch the Earth Lightly

BLESSING

Thanks to all who participated in today's service!

We leave this space today to live out our hope in the world.
As we go, there is an opportunity to enjoy **coffee or tea**, hosted
by Alice Carey, and **conversation** with friends in the
Gymnasium downstairs. Blessings! Go with God!

READING Genesis 1:9-13a

And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear."

And it was so.

God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together (God) called Seas.

And God saw that it was good.

And God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, upon the earth."

And it was so.

The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind.

And God saw that it was good.

And there was evening and there was morning, **a third day.**