



The summer gathering of *Earth Church* on June 29 at 2 pm at Pilgrim Lodge

The spirit of human solidarity and kinship with all life is strengthened when we live with reverence for the mystery of being, gratitude for the gift of life, and humility regarding the human place in nature. – Preamble to the Earth Charter

Some of us from the Earth Care & Spirituality Resource Team have started a new worshipping community called *Earth Church*. In a way, we aren't actually starting it, we're just pointing it out. Mother Earth and her creatures speak a Sacred Word to us in nature. We intend to live into an eco-spiritual reality for our day and age, knowing our planet is ecologically in trouble and we have a sacred responsibility to care. This is why we call ourselves the *Earth Care & Spirituality Resource Team* and why we invite you to join us for *Earth Church*.

Here's what we want you to know for now, understanding that we are letting *Earth Church* evolve from the ground up and creativity will always be welcome.

Earth Church:

Why? To find and experience the presence of God the Creator in Nature, which we will listen to as a "Word of God" itself.

How? Guided Listening to Nature as Sacred Text.
Prayer of Silence and Contemplation.
Nature Stories.
Organic Song and Music.
Personal Creativity and Sharing.
Liturgies of Affirmation and Active Commitment to Eco-justice.
Communion with Evolving Mother Earth as the Body of Christ.

How often? Quarterly for the first year – spring, summer, fall, winter.

When? The summer gathering of *Earth Church* is at Pilgrim Lodge on Saturday June 29.

Schedule? Begin gathering as early as 1 pm.

Earth Church will be from 2 to about 3 pm.

Feel free to come a little early and bring a brown bag lunch and stay afterwards for a while, perhaps to walk the labyrinth.

We will update you if anything changes. Feel free to contact us with questions. It could be helpful to us if you RSVP, but it is not absolutely necessary.

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