

Earth Care Series
Building Resilience:
Earth Care in a Time of Climate Change
April 7-28 | 9:30am (Miller Chapel)

As stewards of God's creation, we are called to care for our Earth. What does this mean during a time of climate change? How can we cultivate resilience in the face of this challenge? Explore these and other questions during our four-week Earth Care series.

April 7: How Our Experience with Past Disasters Can Help Us Deal with Climate Change

Dr. Lisa S. Gardiner

How have we dealt with disasters in the past? How can we draw on our experience to be more resilient in addressing the climate catastrophe and the disasters it spawns? Weaving together geoscience, ecology, psychology, and history, we'll explore how we can play to our strengths and avoid our blind spots as we take action to limit climate change and adapt to its impacts.

Dr. Lisa S. Gardiner is a writer, scientist, and educator. She is the author of the award-winning book, *Tales from an Uncertain World: What Other Assorted Disasters Can Teach Us About Climate Change* and her writing has appeared in *Scientific American*, *bioGraphic*, *Inside Energy*, *Science Friday*, and other publications. She is currently working on a nonfiction book about coral reefs of the past, present, and possible future. To learn more, visit <https://lisagardiner.com>.

April 14: Congressional Update from Rep. Diana DeGette

Rep. Diana DeGette is a fourth-generation Coloradoan who has dedicated her life to serving the people of Colorado's First Congressional District.

Now in her fourteenth term, DeGette is a senior member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, and is the top Democrat on the committee's Energy, Climate and Grid Security Subcommittee. DeGette is responsible for helping shape the nation's energy policies and has worked to ensure the nation's environmental laws are being properly enforced. She has led numerous efforts to hold the nation's oil and gas producers

accountable, reduce America's overall emissions and expedite our transition to cleaner forms of renewable energy. Rep. DeGette will speak about her efforts in Congress to fight climate change and promote environmental justice.

April 21: Tech for the Anthropocene: Cultivating Earth Creatureliness
Dr. Tim Beal, Professor of Religious Studies, CWRU

What might be the role of technology in light of what may be a finite human future? How might new and emerging technologies actually help us break through human exceptionalism, interrupt our faith in infinite growth through extraction, and cultivate a deeper sense of our earth creatureliness? To be sure, technologies can and often do have the opposite effect, alienating us from our ecological interdependence in a more-than-human world. But is that the only possibility?

Dr. Tim Beal is the Florence Harkness Professor of Religion and Chair, Department of Religious Studies, Case Western Reserve University. He has published sixteen books, most recently *When Time Is Short: Finding Our Way in the Anthropocene*

April 28: Electric cars, Solar panels, Heat Pumps and More: Montview Members are Going Green

Have you wondered if a heat pump would lower your utility bill, what it's like to drive an electric car or cook on an induction range? If so, this is a great opportunity to get your questions answered. A panel of Montview members—Jeff Ackerman, Charley Weschler, Paul Zeckser and Don Weinshenker—will share their experiences with green technologies they use to help curb climate change. The panel will be moderated by Mary Jo Brooks, co-chair of the Adult Faith Formation Committee. After the presentation, we'll have electric vehicles available in the church parking lot for those who would like more information.