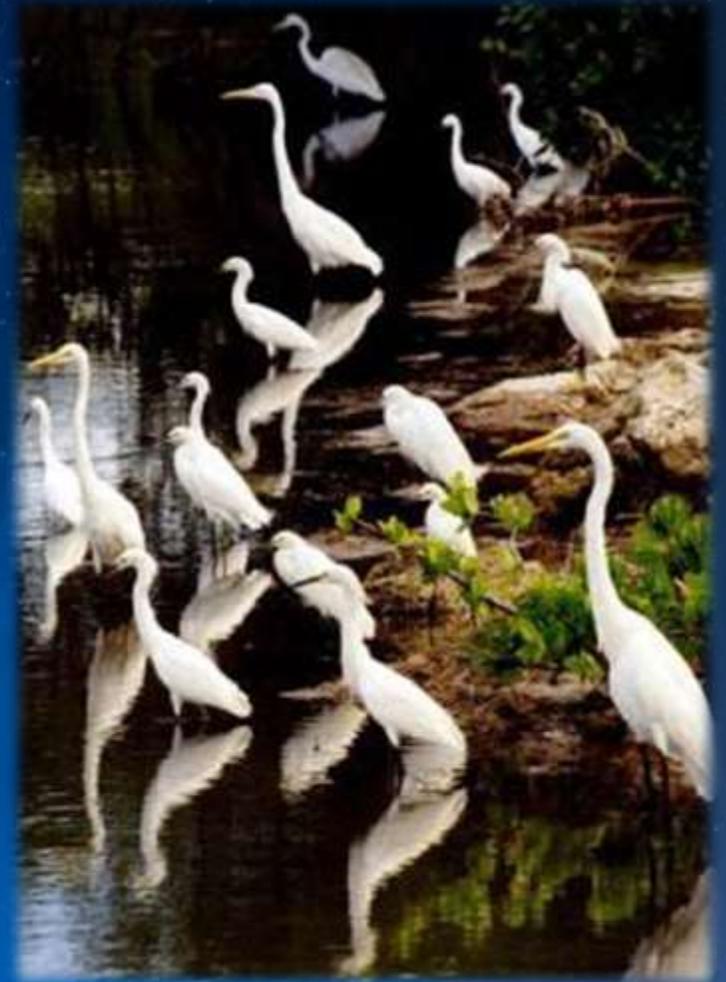


# Season of Creation

Cafechurch

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020



# Gratitudes





**SEASON OF  
CREATION**

# The Season of Creation

Held annually from September 1, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

Pope Francis: *"we exist only in relationships: with God the Creator, with our brothers and sisters as members of a common family, and with all of God's creatures within our common home."*

Following Christ,  
walking together  
as First and Second Peoples,  
seeking community, compassion  
and justice **for all creation**



**Uniting Church in Australia**  
SYNOD OF VICTORIA AND TASMANIA

God in Christ is at mission in the world and sends the Church in the Spirit to:

- share the Good News of Jesus Christ
- nurture followers of Christ in life-giving communities of reconciliation
- respond in compassion to human need
- live justly and seek justice for all
- **care for creation**
- listen to each generation and culture so as to live out the Gospel in fresh ways
- pursue God's mission in partnership

*Apprehend God in all things, for God is in all things. Every single creature is full of God and is a book about God. Every creature is a word of God.*

Meister Eckhart



# Conversation

What do you make of the idea that 'God identifies God's own self with the earth': that in the Incarnation both humanity and creation are sanctified (made holy)?

How has your relationship with creation changed over time? In what ways (if any) does this reflect your changing relationship with God?

*The beauty of the world does not console us. It needs to be consoled.*

Olivier Clement



# Conversation

What do you think about the idea that we do not go to nature to be saved, but that, like nature, we go to God for salvation?

How might we – Northcote UCA – be called to participate in mercy to the earth? What practical actions could we take?

# Ecological Examen

# A Prayer for Our Earth

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

*(Laudato Si', n. 246)*

