

The Canticle



Clergy Letter

Happy September, CTK Family!

Welcome to Creationtide! This month in the Episcopal Church, we take some time out of “Ordinary Time” to join with our diocese and other Episcopalians, Anglicans, and other Christian denominations around the world to celebrate the Season of Creation. This time of year as Autumn comes and leaves begin to change, the world around us comes alive with color and we become aware of the seasons’ flow from summer to the autumnal equinox that will lead us into the cold and snowy months of winter. So much in the natural world around us reminds us of our connection to and reliance on the gifts that each new season brings. So much in the natural world calls out to us not simply to take notice, but to take part in the cycles of life that bring us together, seeking joy and celebration in the return of the cooling months, of the autumn harvest that will bless our tables with good things to sustain us through the darker and colder half of the year, of the urge to nest and prepare our homes and hearths for the chill of the coming winter. Yet as we celebrate, we also remember “this fragile earth our island home” (as it is called in Eucharistic Prayer C) in this month’s weekly Sunday services and throughout the month at home (for those interested in the diocesan resources for each day of the month—let me know!).

With the reminders that we are a part of (and not apart from) the natural world, the Season of Creation is an annual reminder of the responsibility we have as humans to work with God as cocreators and caretakers of this amazing yet fragile world in which we live. This year’s theme, “Let Justice and Peace Flow”

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CTK Vision Statement:

We believe that God is calling Christ the King to create a spiritual home where

- * *We center ourselves in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,*
- * *We build connections among our members and our neighbors, and*
- * *We join with our neighbors in caring for our community and God’s world.*

Website:

www.ctkarvada.org

[Check us out on Facebook!](#)

[We’re also on YouTube!](#)

[Instagram](#)

Worship Services

Sunday, September 3
Holy Eucharist
9:30am - Church & YouTube

Sunday, September 10
Holy Eucharist
9:30am - Church & YouTube

Sunday, September 17
Holy Eucharist
9:30am - Church & YouTube

Sunday, September 24
Holy Eucharist
9:30am - Church & YouTube

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reminds us that care of our world is a form of justice we as a human family have ignored for too many centuries. As we awaken to the impact we have on the world around us, so too we awaken to the responsibility we have to keep God's blessed and sacred world in our prayers, to learn ways that bring us back into harmony with the natural world around us and help to repair the damage humankind has done, to enact those changes necessary, to advocate for others to similarly awaken, and to bless the world around us as we too are blessed by it with food, air, water, and life. In fact, each Sunday from now until the Blessing of the Animals on October first will be dedicated to one of these smaller themes within the "Let Justice and Peace Flow" theme of Creationtide 2023: Pray, Learn, Act, Advocate, and Bless.

With the Halloween goods at King Sooper and the Christmas goods already on display at Costco, it's hard to believe that it won't even be autumn yet until the 23rd of the month. Luke is already planning his Halloween movies, Anthony is already planning his Christmas list, and Eva is already planning next summer's vacation(!)—but amidst the marketing that sought to collapse and bring Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas all to us this summer in the last weeks of the month of August, let us take a collective breath together and be reminded that no matter how quickly we (or the marketing teams at our local stores) may wish for the coming of our next "favorite" holiday, the times and seasons of our lives and world come in their own good and natural time. I am ever grateful for our church year that grounds our worship and our community in times of preparation, celebration, reflection, awareness, and prayer.

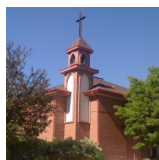
May this transitional month from summer into autumn be a blessing to us, and may the impending wash of color bring us joy and occasion for celebration!



Austin

Worship and Music

Online and In-person Services Available



Sunday Worship, 9:30am Our services are currently being held in the church and live streamed on [YouTube](#) along with the opportunity to participate via Zoom.



Weekday Services

Compline – Wednesdays, 8:30pm



The service of Compline "completes" the day; it usually takes about 20 minutes. Merri Crawford will be leading this service each week; others are welcome to share leadership with her as you become familiar with this service. Compline is currently held on Zoom. Contact the office for a Zoom invite or see the Weekly Update for a link.

Morning Prayer – Fridays, 8:00am

Now, you can join in from home through Zoom. Ros Patterson, Jean Thayer and Jessica Starbird will lead the service; others are welcome to lead as you are comfortable.

Worship and Music Cont.



A Musical Note by Andi Smith

Can you believe it is September already? Let me first say thank you to those who came out for ‘Singin’ and Snackin’ evenings throughout the summer. It was so much fun! I hope we can do this again next summer. Vocal and handbell choirs will be starting up and it’s not too late to join either

group. We would love to have you. Rehearsals begin Thursday September 7 for vocal choir and handbell choir begins Monday September 11. Start time is 7 pm. I do my best to keep rehearsals to 1 hour but there are times when they go a bit longer depending on the number of pieces currently being worked on. I can tell you from personal experience that am so blessed that I get to work with the incredible people who sing and ring. A majority of rehearsal time is spent doing just that, rehearsing. But it is so much more: there is laughter, there are prayers, there is support, and sometimes there are tears. It is in all of these times we grow together, learn together, and walk with each other. It’s an amazing experience and I encourage and invite you to consider coming on this journey with us. Please see Andi Smith if you are interested or have questions.

Believe 
OUTLOUD™

Believe Out Loud (BOL) Update

CTK’s BOL leadership team (Dan and Rachel Mondragon, Cathy Atkinson, Karen Barrett, Molly Foley-Healy, Jean Thayer, Ros Patterson, Merri Crawford, Mike Paugh, and Austin) are continuing conversations with each parishioner who attend Sunday services to follow up on our congregational assessment survey with one-on-one conversations. If you haven’t been contacted, please let one of the BOL team members know so that we can add you to the list. If you haven’t completed the [congregational assessment](#), yet, please take the time to do so before **September 14th**—and if you have questions about the survey or our process, please seek out a member of the leadership team who will be happy to answer questions! Believe Out Loud is a church process providing the opportunity for congregations to decide about intentionally welcoming individuals who identify as LGBTQIA+.

Faith Formation

Contemplative Prayer Tuesdays in September at 12:00p.m., hybrid

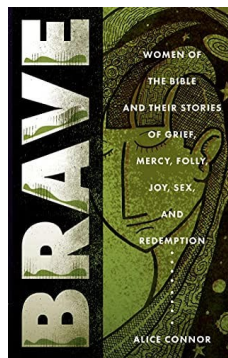
Rev. Austin leads the group in a twenty minute session of Contemplative Prayer. All are welcome to join in the parish hall or on Zoom. **NOTE:** On Tuesday, September 5 at 11:30a.m. Austin will be talking about the different forms of contemplative prayer.



Bible Study Group Tuesdays in September @ 12:30pm, hybrid

The Bible Study group, led by Rev. Austin, meets weekly on Tuesdays at 12:30 pm in the parish hall and on Zoom. We are currently reading and discussing the Book of Deuteronomy. All are welcome to come. Bring a Bible!

CTK Book Club Mondays @ 1:00pm



In September, we will read: *Brave: Women of the Bible and Their Stories of Grief, Mercy, Folly, Joy, Sex, and Redemption* by Alice Connor.

A little about the book: Women are essential to the biblical story—they bear life, lead communities, and testify to God's power and presence. Some of their names we know, others we've only heard, and others, tragically, go unnamed.

Following the success of her beloved book *Fierce*, pastor and provocateur Alice Connor introduces us to a whole new group of women from the Bible, including Rachel, Leah, Miriam, Esther, and Lydia. Connor invites us to see them not as players in a man's story--as victims or tempters--nor as solely morality archetypes who teach women to be better wives and mothers--but as brave foremothers of the faith. Skillfully drawn by the author, these women's stories are messy, challenging, and beautiful. When we read their stories, we can see not only their particular, formidable lives but also our own.

Please contact Jean Thayer or Merri Crawford if you have any questions.

Episcopal 101 Adult Forum Coming in October

This forum will be led by Rev. Austin. Meetings will be held after service on Sundays, October 1st, 8th, 22nd, and 29th. All are welcome to join.

Caring Connections



Open Offering for September

The open offering for the month of September will go to the General Fund.

Breakfast at The Rising Thursday, September 7, 8:00a.m.

Christ the King will be serving breakfast at The Rising in Olde Town Arvada on Thursday, September 7. All are welcome to help. Please contact Mary Beattie if interested.



Climate Care Group Thursday, September 7, 600p.m.

As we start our annual celebration of Season of Creation, from September 1 to October 4th, we hope you will join us in learning more about environmental and climate justice, and how to support communities most impacted by the loss of biodiversity and a changing climate. The theme this year is "Let Justice and Peace Flow" (seasonofcreation.org).

In our attempts to preserve and protect our common home, we can become better earth stewards by learning more from a community who reveres nature as its highest spiritual entity, the American Indian. On Saturday, September 30th, at 9 AM, at Christ the King, we are hosting a speaker, Rick Williams, who is Oglala Lakota and Northern Cheyenne. Rick is the Leader and Board President of a nonprofit, People of the Sacred Land, an organization that is working to support American Indians' rights and to preserve their culture, language, and ways of life that were tied to the land. He will be talking with us about the history of American Indians in Colorado, and specifically the Denver/Arvada area, and the spiritual relationship that American Indians have with nature. This will be a free event, so we are asking for any donation to go to his nonprofit, People of the Sacred Land.

Check out our full schedule in the Season of Creation section starting on page 10. We are so excited to celebrate together Season of Creation 2023! ~ Climate Care Team



Crafters of the King

The Crafters are hard at work preparing for their annual Craft Fair planned around the Christmas Tea, which is scheduled to be held on Saturday, December 2, 2023. All proceeds from craft sales will go to the Christ the King General Fund.

If you have an idea for something you have seen or an item you have that our crafters could make, please share this with our craft group.

The Crafters always welcome new members. We hold our meetings as follows:

- The CTK Crafters regular monthly meeting is held on the second Monday of each month (September 11, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon) in Kempshell Hall. We are planning to work on friendship bracelets for the Craft Fair, all materials will be provided.
- The Quilters and Crafters Open House Craft Day is held on the fourth Saturday of each month (September 23, 2023 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.) in Kempshell Hall. Feel free to drop in to join us for however long you wish. You can bring a lunch with you if you wish and enjoy fellowship and an amazing look into the world of quilting and crafting!

Please contact Pat Barker, Kay Seiler or Peggy Broderick for more information about the Crafters for the King group.

St. Clare's Table Tuesday, September 12, 3:30p.m.

Each month, the Church of Christ the King prepares and serves dinner for about 80 people at St. Clare's Table, located at the Episcopal Church of St. Peter and St. Mary in Denver. Carpooling is available. **SAVE THE DATE:** St. Clare's is having a fundraiser Saturday, September 23, 4:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. contact Mark with any questions.

Ladies Bunco Wednesday, September 20, 11:00a.m.

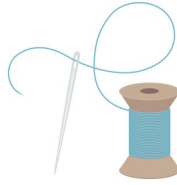


September LADIES' BUNCO is Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in Kempshell Hall. In July we played partners, the July Bunco Queen was Carol Johnson, Jeneene Lowe was second place and third place was Sandy Andrighetti. Please bring a snack to share. I will provide the soda and paper products. All ladies are welcome and you may bring your friends. If you have any questions contact Kay Seiler.

Caring Connections Continued

Open House Craft Day Saturday, September 23, 10:00a.m.—3:00p.m.

All crafters are welcome. Feel free to drop in to join us for however long you wish. Bring your current project, lunch (if you wish) and enjoy the fellowship of other crafters.



Social Justice Conversations Tuesday, September 26, 2023 7:00p.m. on Zoom All are welcome to Zoom in and chat!

"But let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." Amos 5:24

Our conversation group continues to share, learn, and grow in an effort to create and foster a community where love, human dignity, equality, and compassion are offered to and shared by all God's children; where all people are honored, protected, and nurtured as beloved children of God. Please note that we will be meeting once a month on the 4th Tuesday during the fall and winter. **ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE CONVERSATION!**

On September 26 our conversation will focus on Violence Against Indigenous Women as presented by the Colorado Trust and Tate Walker. Our leader will be Rachel Mondragon. For a preview of the topic you can [watch the video](#).

Recommended: Join the Climate Care Team on Saturday September 30, 2023 at CTK at 9:00 a.m. to hear Rick Williams, of the not-for-profit organization People of the Sacred Land speak. Please see page 9 and The Season of Creation section for more information. We are excited to support the Climate Care Team and thank them for making this presentation possible. The presentation will be live streamed on the CTK YouTube channel and also recorded for later viewing.

Recommended: There is still time to sign up for a **Sacred Ground Circle** this fall. A ministry of the Episcopal Church, Sacred Ground is a sensitive, prayerful resource

that creates space for difficult but respectful and transformative dialogue on race and racism. Participants are invited to walk back through history in order to peel away the layers that brought us to today, reflecting on family histories and stories, as well as important narratives that shape the collective American story. It holds as a guiding star the vision of beloved community—where all people are honored and protected and nurtured as beloved children of God. To learn more about this offering [click here](#) or contact tracy@episcopalcolorado.org. Two of our conversation participants are signed up for the fall course and one of our participants has already completed this study.

Do you have a recommended book, movie, documentary, or other learning opportunity focused on social/racial justice and reconciliation you would like to share? We would love to hear from you and include your recommendation in the Canticle. [Write to us here](#).

Food Pantry

Bring your food on Sunday morning and place it in the basket next to the soundboard. The ushers will take the basket up along with the collection plates. After the service the food is taken to the kitchen and placed in plastic bins.

Assistance for the Hearing Impaired



Thanks to Rev. Austin and Phil Goodman for replacing the FM transmitter. This is such a game changer for anyone with any degree of hearing difficulty. Bring your FM radio and headphones and hear the

entire service in crystal clear tone on channel 87.7. If you don't have a radio, please ask the usher for a radio you can use during the service. These radios are brand new, battery loaded and ready to use. They are provided to the congregation by Rick Atkinson and Steve and Karen Barritt. Just use and return it to the ushers when the service is over. You can use these with provided headphones or bring your own.

A Note from the Crafters of the King

The Crafters continue to look for a variety of unique handmade craft items to include in this year's offerings. You can help in the following ways:

- If you are a crafter and would like to donate some of your own items to be included for sale, we welcome whatever you wish to share.
- If you would like to donate craft supplies such as yarn, beads, thread, or fabric, these items would be most appreciated.

Beyond Our Walls

Craft Fair

Saturday, September 9, 9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
Green Mountain United Methodist Church
12755 W. Cedar Dr., Lakewood

Many unique crafters; quilts, jewelry, aprons, dog bandanas, hair accessories, embroidery items, pins, and more.



Sacred Ground Dialogue Circles, Fall 2023

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[Register for a Sacred Ground Circle](#)

[Learn more about Sacred Ground](#)



98th Annual Harvest Festival
September 8-10
Festival Admission is free
Clear Creek Valley Park
3700 W 58th Pl

Midway—Is the main festival area and features about 80 vendors that range from delicious food choices to beautiful hand made crafts, live music and kid activities.

Beer Garden—We will have 2 Beer Gardens again this year. One hosted by the Arvada Junior Chamber Foundation and the other by the Arvada Kiwanis. The JC Beer Garden will have their famous Margaritas.

Grande Parade—Will be Saturday Morning, September 9th at 9:00a.m.

[Check out the calendar of events.](#)

Parish Life

September Birthdays

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of life. And we thank you especially for bestowing this gift upon these, your people. Guard them, protect them, uphold them and strengthen them for your service. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Dan Thomas	05
Tom Scholle	08
Michelle Bredine	10
Kaela Bredine	14
Myrna Luttrell	18
Elizabeth Ann Allan	19
Patrice Mondragon	28
Rob Jones	30



September Anniversaries

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the gift of love, especially the love that is shared between two people in marriage. Pour your grace upon them, O Lord, that they may be strengthened and sustained in the covenant they share. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Steve & Karen Barritt 04

Happy Anniversary!

Readings for September

September 3—Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
 Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28

September 10—Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149
 Romans 8:19-23 Matthew 18:15-20

September 17—Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Exodus 14:19-31 Psalm 114
 Babylonian Talmud, p. 78 Matthew 18:21-35

September 24—Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
 Revelation 21:1-6, 22:1-5 Matthew 20:1-16

Fixers & Tenders

Will not be meeting officially, but if you would like to come work on a garden or another project, please do so. Contact Mike Paugh for things that need to be done.

Thanks!

Do you know......the white frame with the cardboard tree labeled *The Attitude of Gratitude* in the hallway leading to the parish hall from the narthex is where you can leave your thanks for others in the congregation?

We have some wonderful people here at CTK who deserve a great big Thank You!

Thank you...

...members of the Believe Out Loud leadership team for the time you have spent being trained, setting up the congregational assessment and personal interviews. Your dedication to making CTK a loving and accepting church for all is greatly appreciated.

...Glenda Luttrell for all your hard work and leadership to get CTK to the Arvada Days Festival.

...Austin, Phil, and Jessica for striving to get better sound to those in church and online.

...to all those who follow and support the CTK FaceBook page and share our events.

...everyone who sent in a submission for our Season of Creation section which starts on page 10.

...Cathy Atkinson for working so hard to get a speaker from the American Indian community, to come speak with us for the Season of Creation.

...CTK for supporting our last minute Baby Shower. Thanks to Jean Thayer for spearheading the purchase of the crib, to Jeri Burry for coffee hosting, to Andi Smith for her support and everyone else who lent a helping hand.

...Rick Atkinson and Steve & Karen Barritt for the donation of the FM radios and headsets.

...to all those who help at Family Movie Night.

...Cathie Craig for collecting recycling on Thursdays.

...Diane Mickelson for logging into Zoom on Sundays and for Dane and Jessica Starbird who donated time to troubleshoot those Sunday Zoom glitches.

...Karen Barritt for your work on the weekly Giving Report.

Do you know......someone who needs to be thanked? Fill out one of the large post-its in the hanging bag at *The Attitude of Gratitude* and stick it to the tree. Next month you'll see it shared in the Canticle.

The Outreach Committee would like to thank...

... all of the volunteers who staffed our CTK booth at the Arvada Days Festival, everyone who attended in support, and Jessica Starbird who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to help pull it all together.

It is wonderful to see our CTK family reaching out and interacting with our surrounding community at such a fun, family event.



Pictured above Jean Thayer, Glenda Luttrell, Karen Barritt, Jim Atkinson, Mary Beattie, and John Gianforte. Pictures taken by J. Starbird.

Hospitality

The Church of Christ the King Autumn Movie Schedule

Saturday, September 16, 5:45p.m.

Scooby Doo: Spooky Island
(2002) PG

Saturday, October 28, 5:45p.m.

Hocus Pocus (1993) PG

Saturday, November 18, 5:45p.m.

Minions (2010) PG



Vestry Corner

Vestry Update

Vestry Corner for August 2023

The financials for July are still being researched and will be reported when potentially corrected (*the below numbers have been confirmed 8/29/23*). We are still collecting open plate offerings in August and September for the General Fund. An Audit Report for 2022 was presented and accepted by the Vestry. The auditor reported generally good practices in our collection and expending of monies. Further suggestions for some improvements of good practice were outlined and will be addressed by the Finance Committee. We thank you for your generosity. Everything we do is because of your support.

Some improvements for hearing in the Nave were reported by the Worship Committee. The FM transmitter has been replaced and may be accessed through FM 87.7 by your radio/headphones or your favorite Walkman. See page 5 for more information. There will be an outside service in our yard on September 24. A signal repeater has been obtained to allow us to live stream that service as well. September is the month for us to observe the Creation Season. More information will be available.

We are still working on a Contract for David C. to continue our pursuit of the Solar Panel project. The vestry voted to accept an extension of the YMCA contract to use Kempshall hall during Jeffco holiday/teacher days for their student camp. Delegates for the Diocesan Convention in Grand Junction were named. Larry Healy, Barbara Jennings, Jeri Burry as well as Rev Austin Leininger will be attending the Convention in October. Glenda Lutrell headed up a group to attend Arvada Days on August 19 and man a booth with information about CTK. See page 7 for more information.

Barbara Jennings, Senior Warden

Treasurer's Report Income/Expense Report

July 2023

Total Income =	\$22,394.74
Total Expenses =	\$22,546.59
Net Income =	(\$151.85)

Year to Date as of July 31, 2023

YTD total Income	\$144,402.47
YTD total Expenses	\$145,096.63
YTD net income	(\$694.16)
YTD = Year to Date	



Gift Cards - Not just for giving!

Gift cards bought through the RaiseRight program can be a gift for yourself and the church. Buy cards to your favorite places; Walmart, amazon.com, Arby's, Wendy's ([full list](#)) and use them yourself at any time. With the RaiseRight [mobile app](#) it's even easier to purchase and use e-gift cards, use enrollment code 23D7D74L55288 to set up an account. Or you can print an [order form](#) and mail it to the church with your check or hand it in Sunday to receive a physical card. RaiseRight orders are placed on the last Monday of the Month. Have questions about the RaiseRight Program contact [Barbara Jennings](#)

**Place your RaiseRight order by
Sunday, September 24th!**

Gift Cards Help Support Our Parish!

It's true! Every time you use a gift card purchased here at the church—through Shop with RaiseRight, Safeway or King Soopers, you help support the ministry of Christ the King. And it's easy to start!

- **Safeway** offers reloadable cards, available through the [church office](#) (303-424-5288); or Sunday morning. We receive a rebate of 4% every time you reload your card.
- **RaiseRight** offers gift cards from hundreds of familiar retailers, in amounts that vary from \$10 to \$500. Rebates to the church range from 1.5% to 18%, depending on the retailer.
- For **King Soopers**, you'll need to designate Christ the King as the organization you would like to support by linking your loyalty card at www.kingsoopers.com/i/community/community-rewards, using code **LM 737**.



The money from these gift cards programs is directed to our operating budget and it is a really easy way to help support our church.

Season of Creation Special Section



**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

Season of Creation 2023

Prophet Amos cries out: *“But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!”* (Amos 5:24) and so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity.

As the people of God, we must work together on behalf of all Creation, as part of that mighty river of peace and justice.

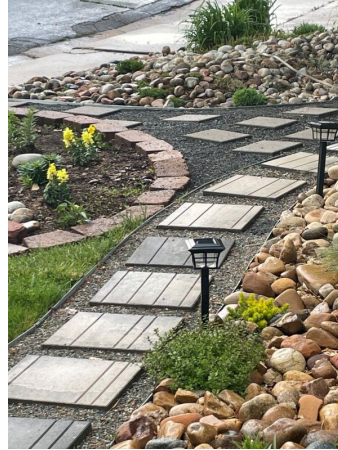
The Season of Creation, September 1st through October 4th, is celebrated by Christians around the world as a time for renewing, repairing and restoring our relationship to God, one another, and all of creation.

CTK has the following events planned during this time:

- Each Sunday a member of the Climate Care Team will contribute a short blurb about our planet which will be placed in the bulletin and in the Weekly Update.
- We will be using Eucharistic Prayer 2 from *Enriching Our Worship*; the text will be printed on a pew card.
- On Sunday, September 24, we will celebrate the Autumnal Equinox by holding our service and coffee hour outside. Join us for a potluck brunch with hamburgers and hotdogs cooked by Phil.
- On Saturday, September 30, 9:00am—10:00am, Rick Williams from the People of the Sacred Land will talk to us about; the history of American Indians in Colorado, the spiritual relationship that American Indians have with nature, and his personal journey as a member of the Oglala Lakota and Northern Cheyenne tribes. All are welcome to learn about and acknowledge the rich history of American Indians in Colorado and their spiritual connection with the earth, our island home. [Flyer](#). View [Rick Williams](#) bio.
- The Blessing of the Animals will be held on Sunday, October 1. We are planning to hold the blessing indoors during service but, please let Austin know if this will be a problem for you or your pets.

The Congregation Responds

Last month we asked the CTK congregation for contributions for the Season of Creation not limiting what was submitted,



mostly photos were sent in, but we got some other gems. Take a look!

Green Landscaping Project contributed by Jim and Cathy Atkinson.

Their freshly landscaped front yard, designed to be more eco-friendly. To find out more about Green Landscaping read this article from [Better Homes and Gardens](#).

The Hill of Crosses in Lithuania (2019)

image and quote below contributed by Glenda Luttrell

There is always something to do. There are hungry people to feed, naked people to clothe, sick people to comfort and make well. And while I don't expect you to save the world I do think it's not asking too much for you to love those with whom you sleep, share the happiness of those whom you call friend, en-

gage those among you who are visionary and remove from your life those who offer you depression, despair and disrespect. ~ Nikki Giovanni



From Glenn Pladsen titled “RF”

Food For Thought



Autumnal Equinox
Sat, Sep 23, 2023,
12:49 AM

The equinox marks the time and date when the sun crosses the equator and moves from the Northern to the Southern Hemisphere. It is the day in which these hemispheres get

the same amount of sun rays, and we have a day and night of equal length.

Known as the pagan Thanksgiving, Mabon marks the Autumn Equinox, when day and night are equal, making it a time of balance, equality and harmony. In ancient times Mabon was a celebration of the second harvest when farmers gathered hearty foods like gourds, pumpkins, grapes and apples. Modern Mabon celebrations are a time to give thanks for the abundance of Mother Earth - both literally and spiritually.



For Buddhists, since the equinox is the time when day and night are equal length, Buddhists believe it is symbolic of the joining of the spiritual and physical worlds and represents the balance between light and dark. The equinox is such an important time for them that the day of the autumn equinox is a public holiday.



In Mayan and Aztec legend, the god Kukulcan/Quetzalcoatl is worshipped. Celebrating the equinox was based around the massive monument of Kukulcan/Quetzalcoatl on the pyramid Chichén-Itzá. The pyramid steps are oriented so that the

spring and autumn equinoxes cast a unique shadow; an illusion that is meant to make it look like a snake is moving down the stairs, with the tail at the top connecting with the head at the bottom. People travel from far and wide to see the Chichén-Itzá, but for the Mayan it represented the two times a year their revered god, Kukulcan/Quetzalcoatl, visited the temple in person.

<https://www.mabonhouse.co/mabon>

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Season of Creation Special Section Cont.



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Trees by Joyce Kilmer 1886-1918

I think that I shall never see
 A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
 Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day,
 And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in summer wear
 A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
 Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,
 But only God can make a tree.



[Morning Has Broken—Cat Stevens](#)

[What a Wonderful World—
 Louis Armstrong](#)

[Big Yellow Taxi—Joni Mitchell](#)

[60 Second Docs](#) presents
[Womanscapes: Fusing Bodies
 To Land](#)

Land artist Jeanne Simmons from Washington incorporates the female body into her landscape photography to create womanscapes. From grass hair extensions to kelp dresses, she constructs garments out of organic materials to celebrate the coexistence of women and nature. Click on the title above to view the YouTube video.



Season of Creation Special Section Cont.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, when he comes to judge the earth.

Psalm 96:11-12



The Creation

by James Weldon Johnson
1871-1938

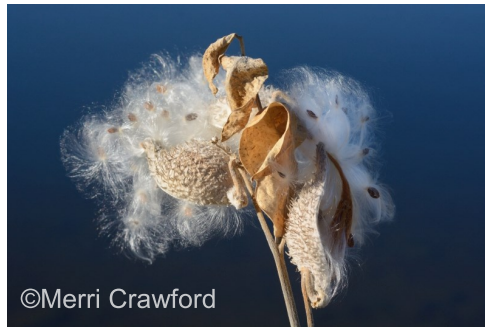
And God stepped out on space,
And he looked around and said:
I'm lonely—I'll make me a world.

And far as the eye of God could see
Darkness covered everything,
Blacker than a hundred midnights
Down in a cypress swamp.

Then God smiled,...([read full poem](#))

Contributed by Jean Thayer

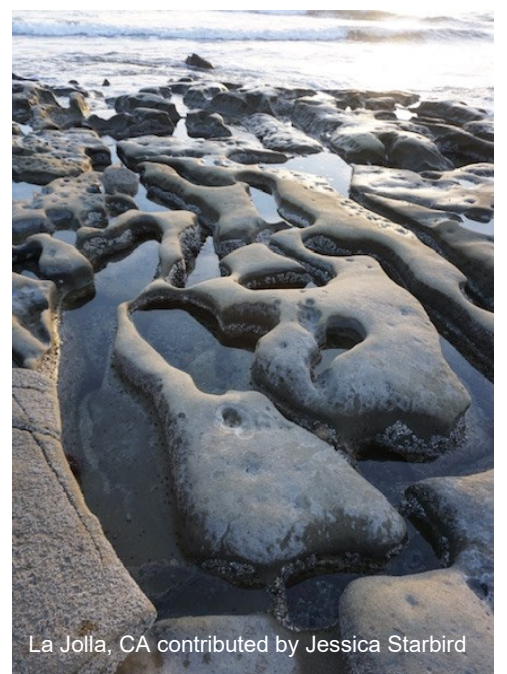
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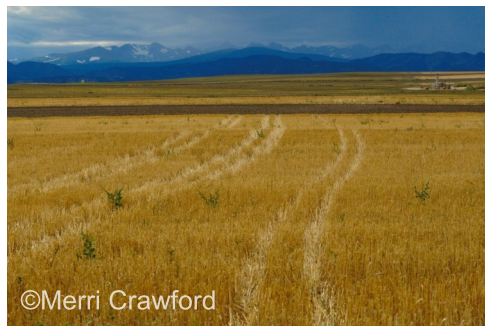
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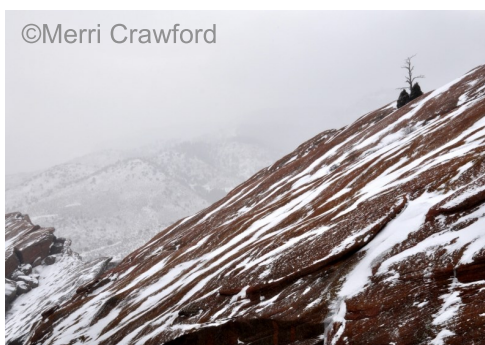
"I thank you God for this most amazing day, for the leaping greenly spirits of trees, and for the blue dream of sky and for everything which is natural, which is infinite, which is yes." ~ E.E. Cummings



La Jolla, CA contributed by Jessica Starbird



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September Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1  8:00am Morning Prayer	2
3 9:30am Holy Eucharist	4 Office Closed 	5  11:30am What is Contemplative Prayer 12:00pm Contemplative Prayer  12:30pm Bible Study 7:00pm Exec. CMMTE Mtg.	6 10:30am Worship Committee  8:30pm Compline	7 8:00am Breakfast at the Rising  6:00pm Climate Care Meeting 7:00pm Worshipping Voices	8  8:00am Morning Prayer	9
10 9:30am Holy Eucharist	11  10:00am Crafters of the King  12:30pm Book Club  3:00pm BOL Mtg. 7:00pm Chi Rho Bell Choir	12  12:00pm Contemplative Prayer  12:30pm Bible Study 3:30pm pm St. Clare's	13 6:45pm Finance Meeting  8:30pm Compline	14 7:00pm Worshipping Voices	15  8:00am Morning Prayer	16  5:45pm Movie Night – Scooby Doo: Spooky Island (2002) PG
17 9:30am Holy Eucharist	18  12:30pm Book Club 7:00pm Chi Rho Bell Choir	19  12:00pm Contemplative Prayer  12:30pm Bible Study	20 11:00am Ladies Bunco  6:00pm Vestry Mtg  8:30pm Compline	21 7:00pm Worshipping Voices	22  8:00am Morning Prayer	23 10am – 3pm Open house Craft Day 
24 9:30am Holy Eucharist Celebration of Autumn. Outdoor Service & Potluck Brunch	25  12:30pm Book Club  3:00pm BOL Mtg 7:00pm Chi Rho Bell Choir	26  12:00pm Contemplative Prayer  12:30pm Bible Study  7:00pm Social Justice Conversations	27  8:30pm Compline	28 7:00pm Worshipping Voices	29  8:00am Morning Prayer	30 9:00am – 10:00am Rick Williams from People of the Sacred Land  People of the Sacred Land