

2017 Presbyterians for Earth Care Conference

Blessing the Waters of Life: Justice and Healing for Our Watersheds

Friday, 29 September

Workshop: Ecology, Justice and Healing
Partnerships with Native American Congregations



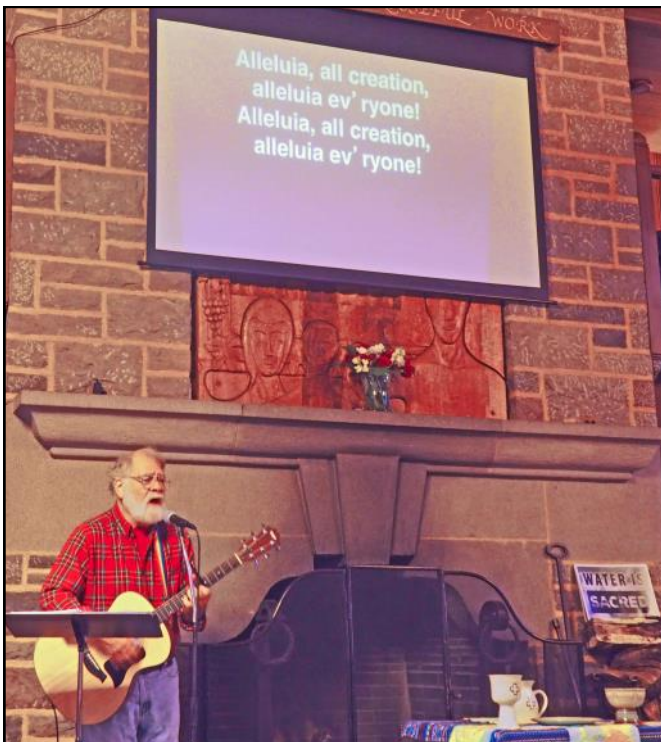
Jim and Jean Strathdee, music leaders



Photo scene: Banff National Park, Canada

Sing a happy alleluia,
sing it out with heart and
style,
we're the echo of God's
laughter,
we're the image of God's
smile.

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We're the proof of God's
good humor,
we're the twinkle in
God's eye.
made to shine reflect
the glory,
given light and space to fly.

"The Great Ending vs. The Great Beginning"
"...we will all create peace!"

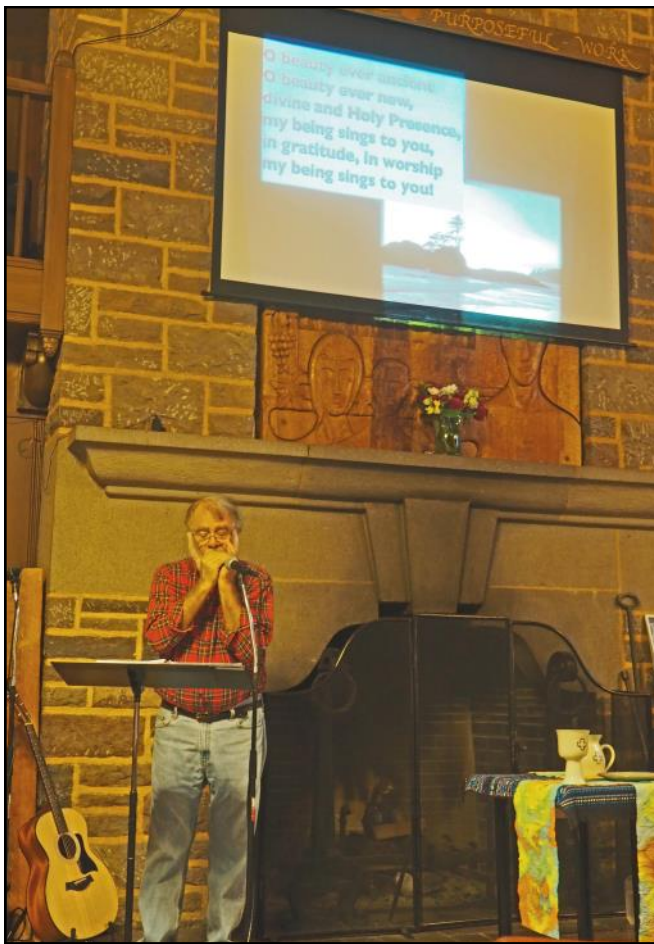
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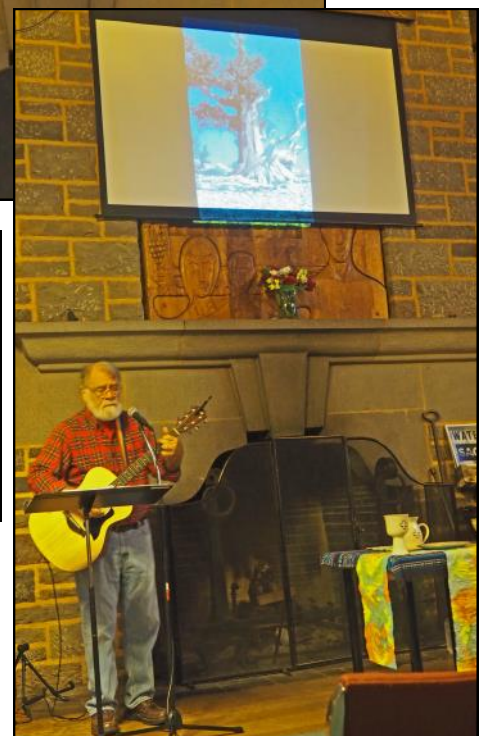


Bristlecone Pine Trees [ancient trees]



Tuvalu, Tuvalu,
Tiny islands in the ocean
blue
Tuvalu, Tuvalu,
You live or die by what
we do

Tuvalu Island Group and Nation
[in the South Central Pacific and
susceptible to ocean rise]
"If you save the Tuvalu, you save
all the world."



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It's in our hands
it's in our hearts
it's in our power
to make the vision plain!

Spirit who challenges
all that we see,
widening our screen
to your scope.
new generations are tugging
our hand,
needing direction and hope.

You are our confidence,
you are our truth,
you are the steel to our nerve,
you in Christ Jesus
the life and the proof:
we are to lead and to serve.

Ours is the role and the work
of the soul,
each in our everyday place
proving by outward
and visible sign,
inward and spiritual grace.

"Yes, stand and speak,
work and pray..."

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They drew a line in the sand,
said here we make our stand
You may come no further
to poison our water,
desecrate our land
Here we stand together
Heya heya heya ah-ho! ~ 2xs
Here we stand together,
We stand and pray together

“O When I Rise”
by Gordon Light
“May words be spoken,
words of peace and grace...”

Jean Light:
“There are two religions in the
world, the religion of being
right, and the religion of
love.”
“To make the vision plain.”

Jim Strathdee:
“They drew a line in the Sand”
“Heya heya heya ah-ho!”



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Planting Pollinators — panel display



GARDEN DESIGN FOR POLLINATORS

Design Tip #1: Minimize lawn, maximize perennial plantings and naturalistic areas

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Design Tip #3: Go Native!

- Evidence that native bees prefer native flowers to non-native flowers (Cerqueira 2005)
- Native plants are evolutionarily adapted to coexist with native pollinators (Comba et al. 1999)
- The dominance of non-native vegetation significantly reduces native insect biomass (Tallamy 2004)

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Design Tip #7: Color Counts!

- Bees tend to be attracted to purples, yellows and whites
- Bees have difficulty distinguishing red from green
- Red flowers attract more hummingbirds and butterflies

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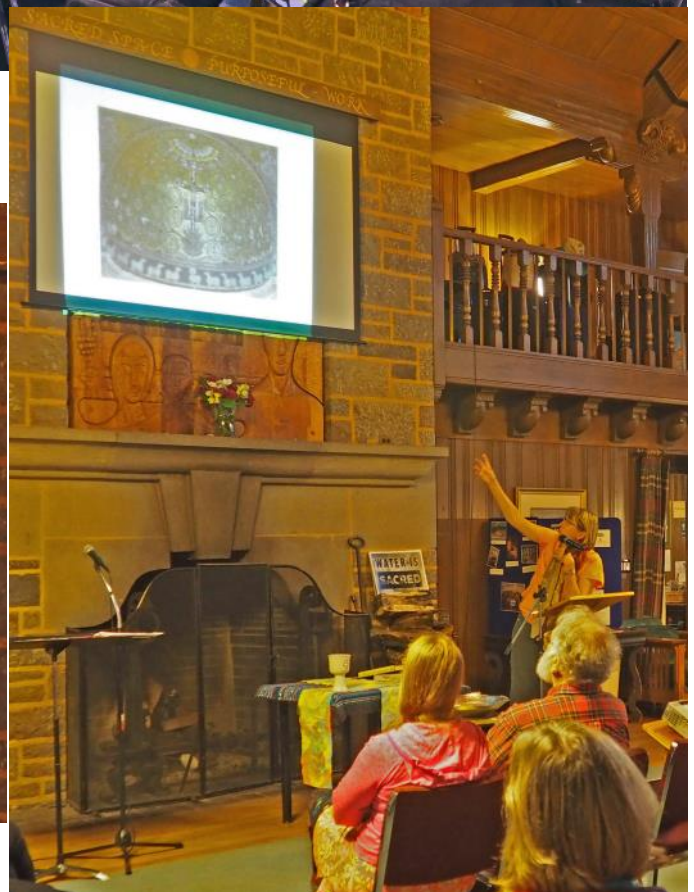


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The New Jerusalem at the end of Revelation:
"the most ecological vision in the Bible"



The river of life, the healing trees
St. Francis Day



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Seeing waters — God sees us

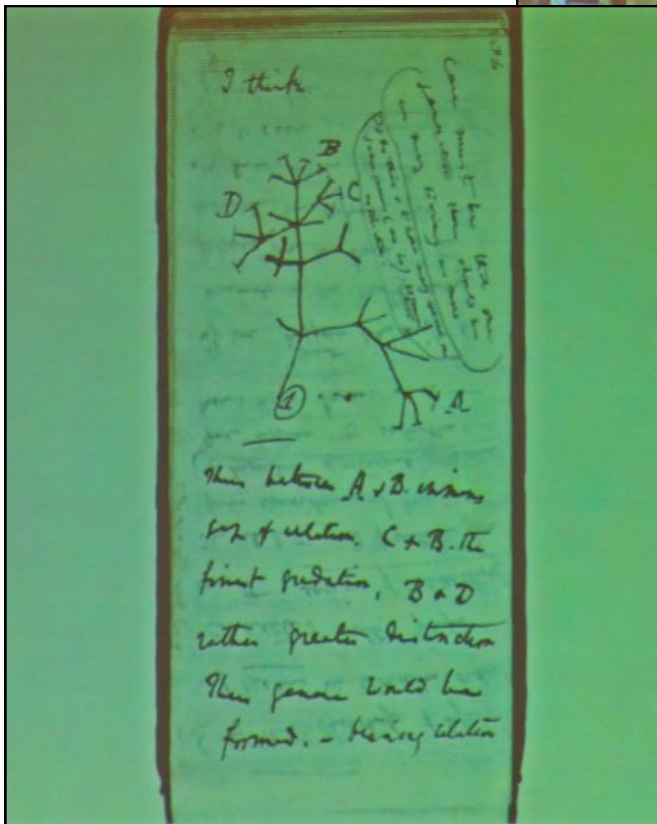
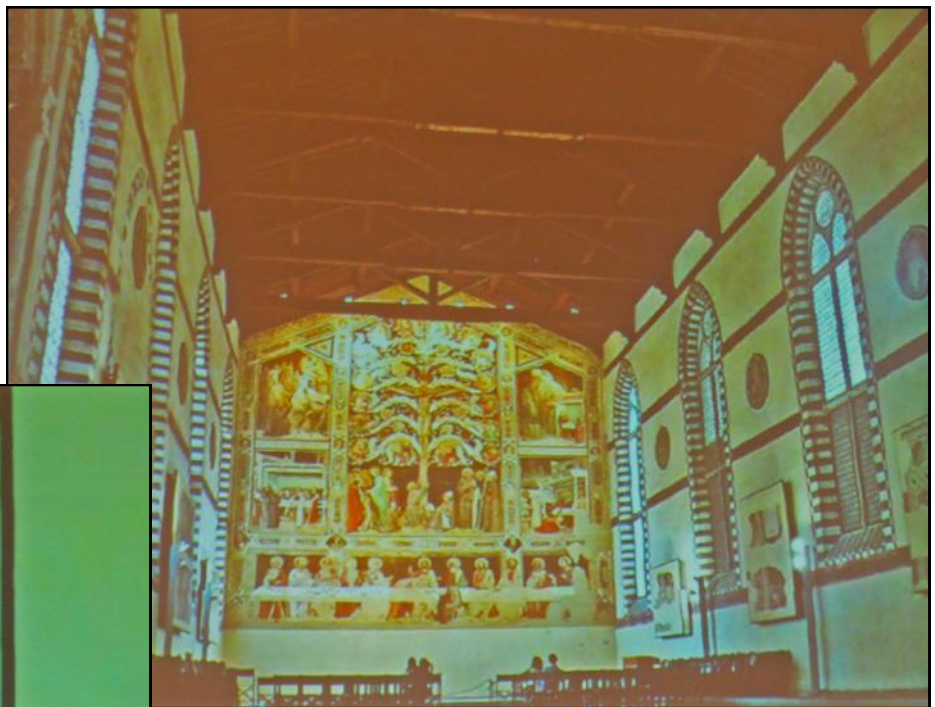
Water healing, justice
 Connect our waters to the waters of life
 Revelation 22:17 "Let who is thirsty come"
 public drinking fountains
 Genesis 1 — waters and creatures
 Genesis 2 — not enough water
 God keeps us/protects/conserves
 the forbidden tree = limits
 Greed is not good
 Keeping the limits
 CO2 in our atmosphere:
 a water/climate crisis

The Tree of Life

In a French Cathedral

The Tree of Life Sketch
in a Charles Darwin 1837 Notebook

1. Salvation = Healing
 "I am the Lord your Savior/Healer"
 — body, soul, whole creation
 — we are in a community of healing
2. A different eschatolog:
 end of the system (not the world)
 the world is turning
 We are at the edge
 Find God's vision for the world — go to Katherine Tanner



"I think
 "Case must be that one generation then should be as many living as now. To do this & to have many species in same genus (as is) requires extinction.
 "Thus between A & B immense gap of relation. C & B the finest gradation, B & D rather greater distinction. Thus genera would be formed. - bearing relation to ancient types with several extinct forms..." Charles Darwin

God creates

God sees it is beautiful/good
 God sees us as tillers, protectors
 God's good erecting limits restraints
 God comes to us
 The World is about to turn for the good

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Choir led by Jim Strathee

Homily : Parting Words
Reverend Paul Galbreath



Two visions of Ephesians

- Light — live in the light
- Be like God

“become an imitator of God”

care for the waters and life of earth

become imitators of the one who brings life to us, and to the world

City of Ephesus: Religious diversity, Christians seen as a threat to the status quo.

We come from the water
cool, refreshing water.
Go back to the water and
turn the world around.
Oh, oh, so is life,
ah-ba-tee-wah ha!
So is life.



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Lunch: Our final meal at Menucha

