

Hyattstown-Clarksburg United Methodist Parish
September 5, 2021
Christianity and the Climate Crisis

PRELUDE

PRAYER

GBoD

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Generous God, we give thanks to you
for your kindness toward us.
Thank you for loving us all
and calling us all your children.
Help us to recognize our kin and to give our lives
to peaceful family relationships with all creation.
Free us from our self-centeredness
and from fear of strangers
so that we may meet the Savior in broken humanity
– even our own.
We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

DISCUSSION:

You will have about 3 minutes for each topic below.

*Note: Probably it will be helpful to share
which of the videos is prompting your comments.*

Videos and study guides are found here...

<https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/christianity-and-climate-change-film-series>

1) This is what startled me.

2) This is what inspired me.

3) This is what I would like to do.

4) This is what I think we might be able to do.

BLESSING:

*Leader: May the Spirit move us
to protect the Very Good that God has made.*

All: May our Creator show us
the way to live more gently,
and restore our home .

Leader: Cherish all creatures of earth, sea, and sky

All: We will work to make a healthy space for all,
until our Risen Savior returns
and makes all things new.
And let God again say:
“It is Very Good!”

POSTLUDE

*Blessing from: Creation Calls Us to Care!
Service for an Earth Day Celebration
WCC: Green-Group-Earth-Care-worship.pdf*

The Film Series

Film one: What the Bible says about the natural world

'What is your understanding from the Bible of how God views the natural world?' (Key Word "radah")

Film two: Climate change is a poverty issue

'How is climate change affecting the developing world where organisations like Tearfund work?'

Film three: How to persuade others to care about climate change

'Do you have any advice on how we help fellow Christians understand the importance of working to end climate change?'

Film four: What we can do as a church

'What advice would you give churches that want to do something together to combat the effects of climate change?'

Film five: Speaking to other Christians about climate change

'What are the ways in which we can engage in the climate change debate & gently point people to Jesus?'

Film six: Grateful for fossil fuels but time to move on

'How do you engage with Christians who may take a very different view than you do regarding climate change?' (Key idea: we can connect over things we share)

Film seven: Climate change is a threat multiplier

'How do we ensure that care for creation and climate change remain not only on the agenda, but high up the agenda?'

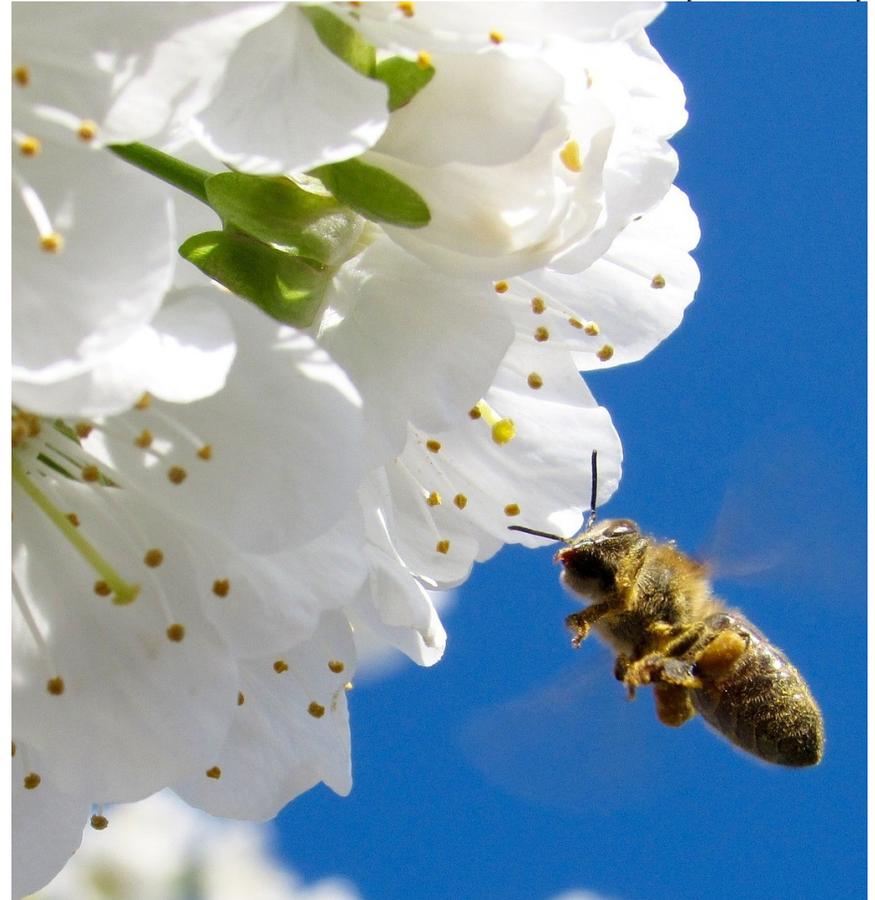
Film eight: There can be a better future

'What are some key changes you hope happen after lockdown procedures ease up in terms of climate change-related behaviour?'

Film nine: It is not too late

'Given the trajectory in our use of greenhouse gases and the global rise in temperature, is it already too late to react?'

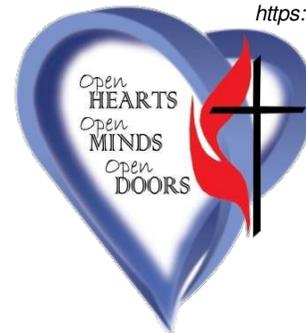
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