Introduction

Each year, Christians around the world join in celebrating the Season of Creation. This is a time for renewing, repairing and restoring our commitments to God, to one another and to all of creation – relationships at the heart of Christian discipleship. It is also a time for deepening and expanding our work and witness for climate justice and environmental care.

Together, we have prepared these devotions for the Season of Creation 2020, one for each week from Sept. 1 through Oct. 4. We invite you to join us through Scripture, hymnody, prayer, advocacy and action as we seek to live out our vocation as stewards of creation.

For our four churches, this is also a season of deepening our relationships with each other. We are on the cusp of entering into full communion relationships that reach across the borders between us – as churches and nations – for the sake of our common mission and witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are mindful in this season that we share in the gifts and responsibilities of God’s good creation. Our stewardship of the earth is not bound by national or ecclesiastical borders, but by our common baptism. By enriching our spirits together, we become emboldened as disciples of Christ and enlivened in our witness to the One, who came to redeem all of creation.
Loving God, we thank you for the gift of life in all its diversity and beauty. Lord Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, we praise you that you came to redeem all of creation. Holy Spirit, we rejoice that you breathe in the life of the world. Grant us faith and courage to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Jesus as caretakers of, and justice-seekers for, your beautiful and bountiful creation. For the blessing of your people, the sustaining of the earth and the glory of your name. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.