

VESTRY NOTES – October 18TH 2026

As I reflect on the Season of Gratitude for God's Creation, I am taken back to the very beginning of the Season of Creation. Conceived by The Rev. Phillip Wilson, it was a time to reflect on the beauty, diversity and fragility of this earth, our fragile island home and our responsibility to care for it:

"In the face of racial injustice, flood and famine, storms and wildfires, dying reefs and invasive species, we reflect and pray. We acknowledge our part in the destruction of the earth, and the oppression of humanity, and we hold these heavily in our hearts. Forgive us for our denial, apathy and mindless consumption, and call us to live simply and walk humbly within creation. Call us to practice wise and respectful stewardship of this planet that we leave to future generations. Give us humility, compassion and courage as we look to the future in new ways, seeing all creation as a reflection of God. Show us how to welcome the stranger displaced by climate crises. We rejoice in the ever-evolving beauty, complexity, and power of your creation and hear your call to act as the formed-out-of-Earth children of God that we are. Remind us that when the journey of life in the world is complete, we take with us only what we have built inside ourselves: treasures of the heart, love and integrity."

Every time I pray these words I am reminded of my responsibility to speak up, to act, and to care for creation around me. I pick up trash, I plant for the bees and birds, I don't use toxic chemicals in my garden, I recycle and always try to only leave my footprints behind me as I walk.



And I am passionate about Redeemer, hence the photo of my passion flower!

This liturgy reminds me of the tremendous gift Redeemer is in my own life but also how it has touched so many others across this nation and the world by our example. While Creation Season began within our walls, it has spread across the globe! Think of that and consider how it is you can care for and support this church we call our parish home. Might you volunteer to usher, to read, to join the altar guild, sing in the choir, serve as an acolyte or chalice bearer, provide refreshments, knit or crochet. Every "yes" is appreciated, honored and treasured. What might you say yes to?

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