



Let Justice and Peace Flow

A Mighty River

Amos 5:24

Season of Creation – Week 2

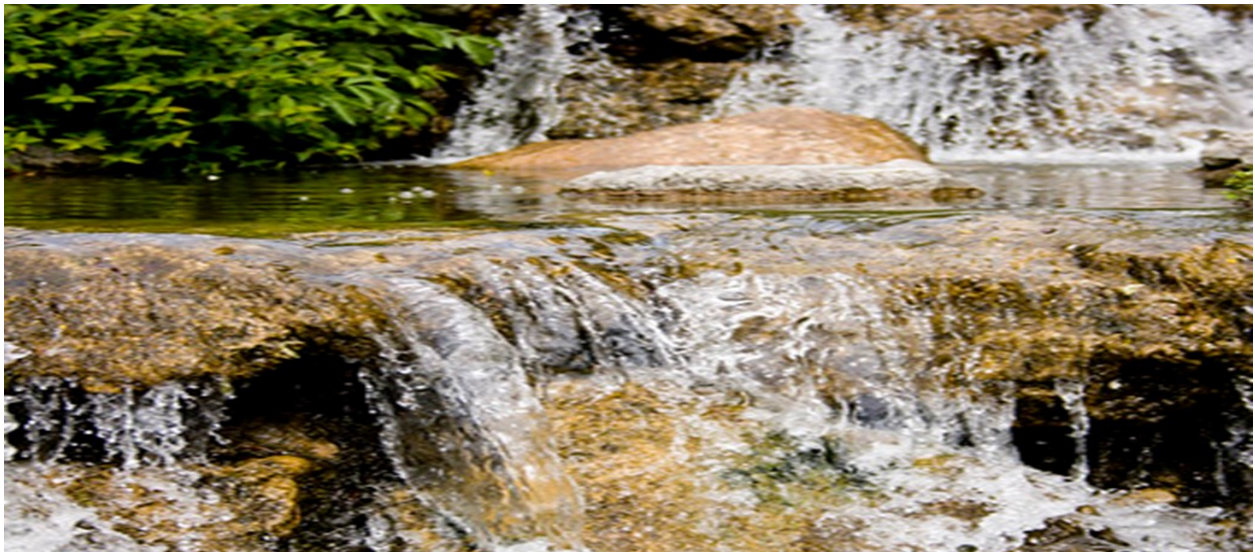
Scriptures

Ezekiel 33:7-9 • Psalm 95:1-2, 8-9 • Romans: 13:8-10 • Matthew 18:15-20

The readings today remind us of the essential importance of calling each other to conversion. Jesus offers guidance in approaching each other with gentle respect in these times of deep social division and too often violent conflict.

At Saint Anne

Over the course of these five weeks, Saint Anne parishioners are invited to pick up a river rock in the Gathering Space and write upon it a word or phrase that reflects their commitments to actions that care for creation. Individuals can lay their rocks along the “river” and be a part of the cascading impact that we create for justice and peace.



“out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.”

(John 7:38)

The Call to Conversion...

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday of the Season of Creation.

One of Pope Francis' central beliefs at the heart of *Laudato Si'* is that everything is connected; everything is interdependent. We are responsible for each other. God speaks to us and calls us to conversion in many ways. In the context of the Season of Creation, we need to listen to that Word of God in the "cry of the Earth and the cry of the Poor." (LS 49)

The cry of the Earth is heard in increasingly powerful storms and fires, melting ice and rising sea levels, heat waves, droughts and floods, pollution of air and water, loss of rich biodiversity, and ecological degradation.

The cry of the Poor is heard and seen on the widespread hunger and malnutrition, in homelessness and ill health, in high rates of maternal death in rural areas and lead poisoning in our cities, in the exploitation and trafficking of young people, in vast migration and refugee flows, violence and ecological destruction of the most marginal regions where the poor are so often forced to struggle for survival.

This Season of Creation asks: How do we, how can we educate and warn ourselves and each other about the ecological crises facing us and threatening life as we know it? What is the conversion God is calling us to?