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LAND SUNDAY

Nurturing Faith and Spirituality at Home

Together and apart, we celebrate with Creation, heed the call to serve and sustain life, and recognize how Creation serves and sustains life.



Throughout this short Season of Creation, we are in the company of our Creation-companions Forest, Land, Wilderness/Outback, and River. We listen attentively to their stories, cries, and longings and take their lead.

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This week, with Land, a fellow sojourner in a shared experience of awe, wonder and struggle, we marvel that God is everywhere.

Land's Song

Read [Psalm 139:7–12](#) or **listen** to the audio story "[Life within Which We Live](#)" or **gather** around as someone tells the story "[God Is with Us Everywhere](#)."

Where can we go from God's Spirit? In the Western Church, we find sacred beauty in the buildings we construct and the art we create. We think something becomes sacred and must remain separate from all that is not sacred. Indigenous people call us to remember, like the psalmist, that everything is sacred. God is in everything. God is above us and below us. There is nothing that is not sacred. Suppose we expand our hearts and minds even further.

- **Find some patch of Land, perhaps even take a small bowl of earth into your home, and wonder about the sacredness of the Land.**
- **How might Land say it experiences God's love always and everywhere?**

Watch [Generations](#) about one Native American family's connection to one place on Land. As you watch, consider all the joy and sorrow this one family has experienced on this Land. How might Land experience God's love and praise? Does Land lament those who occupy it, or does Land have its own song of sorrow?

Practice, Make, Sing, Trace

Make your own [beautiful soil art](#).

Sing with the psalmist about Land. Your song might be a happy song or a sad song, or maybe you choose more than one song to sing loudly outside to share with Land. Do you hear Land singing back to you?

Trace your hand on this week's [activity sheet](#). List some ways you can care for the land.



During the Week

Practice grounding to improve your health and connect with Land.

Honour the Generations

Learn about the first inhabitants and custodians of the land on which you now live.

Conserve Land

Look for a land restoration project in which your household can participate. What can you learn together about soil and soil conservation?

Prayer

Thank you, Land, for singing through every generation.

Thank you, God, for connecting us with this soil and earth.

We pray that our songs of hope and praise might bring healing and wholeness. Amen.

Listen to the song "I Will Sing, I Will Sing" (MP3 available [here](#) for purchase as a single download).
Visit [Lecture Connection](#) for current events that connect with this week's scriptures.

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