

## LEARN FROM THE EARTH



*Luce (encouraging light)*

Jesus invited others to be attentive to the beauty in the world. He was in constant touch with nature. God unites us to all his creatures, but technology can isolate us from the world around us. We must remember that the entire world is a “contact zone!”  
– Pope Francis, Laudate Deum, #s 64 & 66

Our planet’s air, water, soil, animals and people are suffering. They cry out for better care. We know we can turn our hearts to listen and learn from nature. We can give back, not just take from the Earth.

## WHAT WE ALREADY DO

- Reduce waste by using real dishes in our church kitchen.
- Donate leftover food when we can.
- Recycle cardboard, paper, and plastic.
- Compost some of our food waste and coffee grounds.

## MORE WE CAN DO

- Earth-learning resources for religious education, adult reflection and parish groups.
- Study the biodiversity of parish property and area.
- Encourage more outdoor worship, fellowship, and silent spaces.
- Find creation-care library resources.
- Have an April blessing of seeds.