

Worship Guide

Waterville United Church of Christ

September 1, 2024



Seeking to walk in the Way of Jesus, we are an Open and Affirming church, faithfully using who we are and what we have to serve those on the margins of our community. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Those we have served	
This week:	1 Loads of Love 247 Essentials Closet
Year to date:	5108

Welcome & Mission Statement

Prelude

Venetian Boat Song

Felix Mendelssohn

Waiting on Tiptoe & Remembering

Prayer

Hymn

Song of Earth

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Time with Children

Reciprocity: *Offering*

Earth Healing Moment

Reading

Romans 8:19-25 First Nations Version (adapted)

The creation all around us is waiting on tiptoe for Creator's children to be revealed in the full beauty of who they have created them to be. Creation itself became weak and powerless, unable to fulfill its destiny, not by its own choice but because of the one who had the power over it. But there is hope, for Creator has a plan to restore human beings. Then all of creation will share in the freedom of the life of beauty and harmony given to all of Creator's children.

It is plain to see that all creation is still groaning in pain like a mother giving birth. And even we who have first tasted of the Spirit are groaning on the inside, as we wait for Creator to finish the purpose for which they took us into their family, by giving us new bodies that will never die. This is what Creator was planning when they set us free by the Spirit. It is the hope of all creation. We cannot fully see this hope yet, for who hopes for what has already happened? So we must be patient and wait for Creator to bring everything to completion.

Anthem

Be More Kind

Frank Turner

Sermon

Biophilia

Joys & Concerns

Prayers

Prayer of Jesus (*said in whatever language or version is in your heart*)

Our Creator in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Do not lead us into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Hymn

Great Spirit God

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Communion

Announcements

Benediction

Postlude

Oh Happy Day

Edwin Hawkins

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Rev. Ian Lynch - *Pastor*
Jackie Kulik - *Liturgist*

David Dean - *Soloist/Pianist*
Bill Lee - *Deacon*

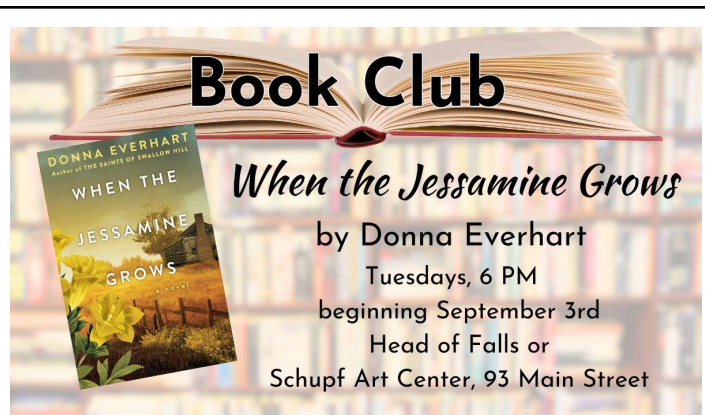


VESPERS
with creation

7 PM Every Monday in September

DURING EACH MONDAY OF THE SEASON OF CREATION, CREATION JUSTICE MINISTRIES INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR A SHORT VESPERS SERVICE. THIS BRIEF ONLINE GATHERING WILL INCLUDE A TIME OF MUSIC, PRAYER, AND REFLECTION AS WE MEDITATE ON THE THEMES OF THE SALT PROJECT'S "FAITH AND CLIMATE" RESOURCE. ALL ARE WELCOME TO THIS ECUMENICAL TIME OF PRAYERFUL MEDITATION.

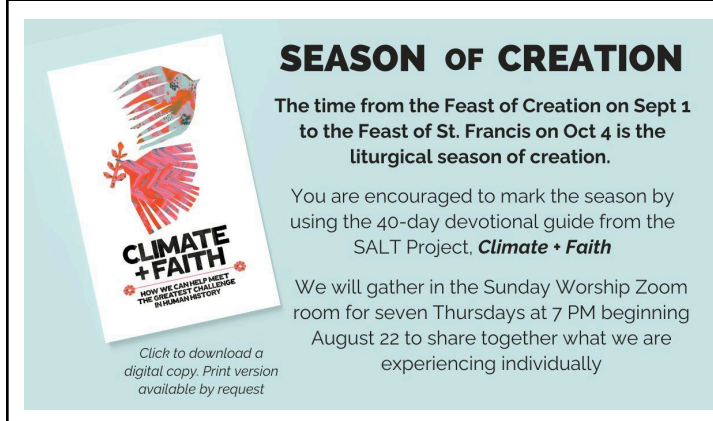
REGISTER TO RECEIVE THE ZOOM LINK
[CREATIONJUSTICE.ORG/VESPERS.HTML](https://creationjustice.org/vespers.html)



Book Club

When the Jessamine Grows
by Donna Everhart

Tuesdays, 6 PM
beginning September 3rd
Head of Falls or
Schupf Art Center, 93 Main Street



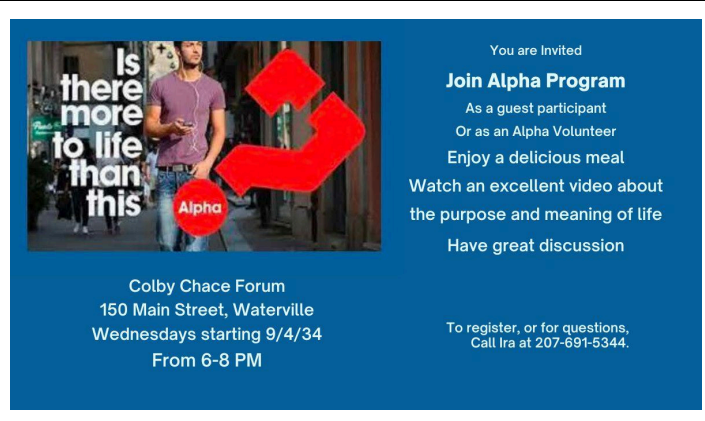
SEASON OF CREATION

The time from the Feast of Creation on Sept 1 to the Feast of St. Francis on Oct 4 is the liturgical season of creation.

You are encouraged to mark the season by using the 40-day devotional guide from the SALT Project, *Climate + Faith*

We will gather in the Sunday Worship Zoom room for seven Thursdays at 7 PM beginning August 22 to share together what we are experiencing individually

Click to download a digital copy. Print version available by request



You are Invited

Join Alpha Program

As a guest participant
Or as an Alpha Volunteer

Enjoy a delicious meal
Watch an excellent video about the purpose and meaning of life
Have great discussion

Colby Chace Forum
150 Main Street, Waterville
Wednesdays starting 9/4/34
From 6-8 PM

To register, or for questions,
Call Ira at 207-691-5344.

Whether joining the daily prayer check-in or attending Sunday worship via Zoom, the safest and most reliable way is to open the Zoom app on your device and enter the meeting ID and passcode listed below.

Daily Prayer Check-In - meeting ID: 914 158 897 passcode: 693668
Sunday Worship - meeting ID: 360 970 974 passcode: 835873

It is also possible to join with audio only by calling 1 929 205 6099