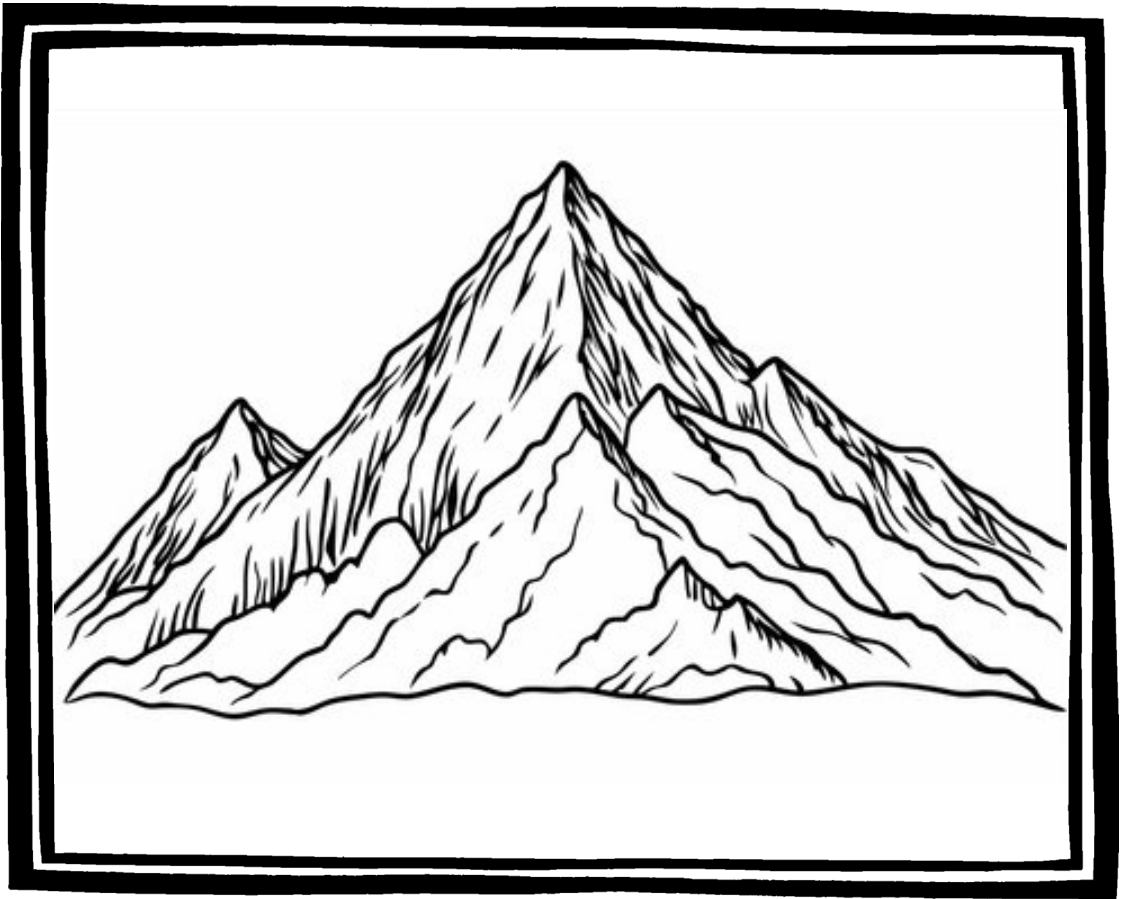


Good Soil Lutheran Ministries
Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve



Fourth Sunday in the Season of Creation
“Mountain Sunday”
September 22nd, 2024
9:30 am



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Welcome

We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ.

For Parents with Children

Good Soil loves kids and the "holy noise" they bring! Your children are warmly welcome in worship. Sing, pray, and respond; your children will learn by worshiping with you. There's also a "prayground" area in the back of the sanctuary and a nursery/cry room behind that on the back left side. We pray that worshiping together as a family is a meaningful experience!

For Those Needing Hearing Assistance

Ask an usher about hearing assistance devices to enhance your worship experience.

Holy Communion

Christ is truly present with us in worship and through this meal. All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion here at Good Soil. Children may commune with elements or receive a blessing depending on parent/guardian preference. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.

Bulletin Key

Bold Font – Spoken by the Congregation
Regular Font – Spoken by the Pastor or Worship Assistant
† – Please stand as you are able, in body or spirit.

Mountain Sunday

"The Season of Creation" continues -- a time when the global church unites for 5 weeks of prayer and worship as we intentionally reflect on God's presence in creation and our calling to care for it. We give thanks, we pray, we lament, we hope, and we recommit ourselves to the work of caretaking and healing. This Sunday is Mountain Sunday: we sing with rocks and hills and celebrate the mountains of God. We also reflect on the mountain-top experiences of grace, love, and hope that God freely offers to us.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude and Welcome

In the Confession and Forgiveness, we are drawn by God's mercy to prepare to assemble around the Word and Sacrament. It may be seen as a return to the gift of Baptism through repentance.

† Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of God, who creates planets, the name of Christ, born on planet Earth, and the name of the Spirit, who envelopes our planet. **Amen.**

Christ Jesus, we gather in your name to worship in this sanctuary called Earth, a planet filled with your presence: **quivering in the forests, vibrating in the land, pulsating in the wilderness, shimmering in the rivers.**

We confess that we have become alienated from Earth and have viewed this planet as disposable, a source of endless resources. **We have polluted the atmosphere with greenhouse gases. We have turned our greed into global warming. We are part of a society that loves progress more than the planet. We are sorry.**

Christ hears our confession, forgives our sins, and teaches us to love Earth as our home and to revere it as God's sanctuary. O God, reveal yourself to us and show us your face in all creation.

Holy! Holy! Holy! The Earth is filled with your presence. Amen.

† Gathering Hymn: God the Sculptor of the Mountains ELW 736

v, 1, 3, 4.

1 God the sculptor of the mountains,
God the miller of the sand,
God the jeweler of the heavens,
God the potter of the land:
you are womb of all creation,
we are formless; shape us now.

3 God the dresser of the vineyard,
God the planter of the wheat,
God the reaper of the harvest,
God the source of all we eat:
you are host at ev'ry table,
we are hungry; feed us now.

4 God the unexpected infant,
God the calm, determined youth,
God the table-turning prophet,
God the resurrected truth:
you are present ev'ry moment,
we are searching; meet us now.

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*The assembly and
presiding minister
greet one another.
(scripture reference:
2 Corinthians)*

† Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

† Hymn of Praise: This Is My Father's World (ELW 824) v. 1 & 2

1 This is my Father's world,
and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world;
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world;
he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901

The Prayer of the Day highlights themes from the scripture readings we are about to hear.

† Prayer of the Day

God, our Creator, as we climb the mountains, we celebrate the wonders of the wild that surround us. Help us to see the places where the planet has been polluted and to empathize with the groaning of creation. Teach us to recognize that the hills are alive with your Spirit and the creatures of the wild are our kin, in the name of Christ who reconciles and renews all things in creation. **Amen.**

The Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-19, 23-25

To put this reading into context:

‘Good News from a Holy Mountain’ - The prophet dreams of Mount Zion being transformed into a ‘peace mountain’, an ecosystem where humans and animals live in harmony.

Hear now the reading.

¹⁷For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. ²³They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well. ²⁴Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

We welcome the gospel by singing the Gospel Acclamation. We rise, if able, in anticipation of Christ being

† Gospel Acclamation: Heleyuan (ELW 171)*

**This gospel acclamation tunes comes from our Muscogee (Creek) native siblings and may be sung in a round.*

He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

revealed to us through the Living Word of the Gospel.



Before and after the reading of the Gospel, we give thanks and praise to Jesus Christ, who is revealed to us through the Gospel reading

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-9

To put this gospel reading into context:

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

The holy Gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Deb Yandala

Silence for Reflection.

The Hymn of the Day is the assembly's proclaimed response to the sermon—making the sermon event a mutual conversation of faith.

† Hymn of the Day: In Christ There is No East or West (ELW 650)

- 1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one community of love
throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.
- 3 Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941, alt.

As the church, we pray for those in our community and around the world. The prayers are also responsive, emphasizing our own participation.

Each petition addresses a different topic, often in the same pattern:

*+ The Church
+ Creation*

† Prayers of the Church


With all of creation, we pray for the church, the world, & all in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church and its ministry. Sustain all members of the body of Christ in lives of prayer, worship, and service toward one another and the Earth. We also pray for Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton & Bishop Laura Barbins. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for natural wonders of creation, especially mountains, hills, & valleys. Restore damaged habitats & lead us to be good stewards of what you have provided. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those in authority. Give them wise minds & compassionate hearts. Strengthen in them a desire to protect the vulnerable & care for those in need. We pray for all impacted by war & violence, especially in Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Haiti, India, & places in Africa. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

<p>+ Nations and leaders + Those in need + This faith community + The great cloud of witnesses/those now resting with God</p>	<p>We pray for those who are struggling with any form of disease or illness. Provide them with peace and resilience for the days ahead. Today we especially pray for Helen, Gail, Carl, Pam, Mary Lou, Tim, Brenna, Bruce, Frank, Jonathan, Sara, Donna, Madeline, Kate, Ann, Alis, Susan, Shawn, Archer, Ruth, Steve, Sally, Rich, Dick, Mindy, Kristina, Jeanette, Scott, Khams & his people & family in Manipur... and all those we name aloud or in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.</p> <p>We give thanks for all your saints, those we have loved & known & those from every time and place. Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.</p> <p>Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>
<p><i>A practice of the ancient church, we recognize Christ's peace in each other and share it together.</i></p>	<p>† Passing of the Peace</p> <p>The Peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.</p> <p><i>The people greet one another saying, "Peace" or "Peace be with you" sharing the peace of Christ with one another in a no-touch or low-touch way, such as a wave, peace sign, or elbow bump.</i></p>
<p><i>God entrusts us with everything we have. Our offering is one way we give thanks to God and support the ministry of the church.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Meal</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p>Offering</p> <p>God's ministry through Good Soil makes a difference, and your offering makes that possible. Help Good Soil continue making an impact by giving today by using the QR code or at https://tinyurl.com/drtvut77</p>  <p><i>Aim your phone camera at the QR code, but don't take a picture. A link will appear to click on that will take you to Good Soil's support page.</i></p>
<p><i>The offering is brought forward to the altar to signify our gratitude for God's blessings.</i></p>	<p>† Offering Hymn: Light Dawns on a Weary World (ELW 726) v. 1</p> <p>1 Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people's dignity. Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes.</p>

Refrain: The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

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† Offering Prayer

God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks and as signs of our concern for those in need, including our fellow creatures on Earth. Help us be caretakers of our sacred home. **Amen.**

† Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

† Preface

† Sanctus

San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord . . . God,

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Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la
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tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el
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† Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer is Jesus' response to his disciples when they asked him to teach them how to pray.

† Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus first taught us: **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 and ever. Amen.**

† Invitation to the Table

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

Communion

Christ is with us in this meal. All who are hungry for the presence of Jesus are welcome to commune here at Good Soil.

Children are welcome to come to the Lord's table for communion or for a blessing, depending on parent/guardian's preference.

When you receive the elements, you are invited to respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God."

Please wait for the usher to release your row before proceeding up front. You are invited to stand or kneel at the altar rail.

Gluten-free bread is available on request. The wine (red) is in the outer rings of the tray, the grape juice (white) is in the center. Communion cups can be returned at the end tables on your way back to your seat.

Communion Hymn: How Great thou Art (ELW 856)

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *Refrain*

Communion Hymn: In the Garden

1 I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.

Refrain: And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

2 He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing. *Refrain*

3 I'd stay in the garden with Him
Tho' the night around me be falling;
But He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling. *Refrain*

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† Post-Communion Table Blessing

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

The Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

† Blessing

May the Spirit of God, who is above all and in all and through all,
fill you with the knowledge of God's presence in Earth and all around
us, through whom all things are reconciled and renewed. **Amen.**

*Through the
sending hymn
we are sent out
into the world to
follow Jesus.*

† Sending Hymn: All Things Bright and Beautiful (WOV 767) v 1, 2, 4

Refrain: All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

- 1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
God made their tiny wings. *Refrain*
- 2 The purple-headed mountains,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky. *Refrain*
- 4 God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well. *Refrain*

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818-1895, alt.

The dismissal sends us out as Christ's Body: fed, nourished, & ready to serve. Worship has ended, and our service begins!

† Dismissal

Go in peace, serving Christ and loving Earth!
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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You are warmly invited to gather in the upstairs lounge area for coffee fellowship following worship!

Today's Worship Servants:

Livestream: Isaac Krankowski	Reader: William Eversole
Ushers: Stan Zeager & Bill Fink	Counters: Kirsten Reading & Bill Fink
Online Usher: Dave Blocksom	Communion Bread: Anne Paine
Cantor: William Eversole	Altar Care: Anne Paine



Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, September 22, 2024

Especially in our prayers: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Barbins of the NEO Synod, Helen Andrews, Gail Boggs, Carl Bruns, Pam Bruns, Mary Lou Busby, Tim Chiang, Brenna Connor, Bruce Crosby, Frank Dunaway, Jonathan Gray, Sara Gresh, Donna Handy, Madeline Kelly, Kate Labuda, Ann Layman, Alis Morris, Susan Omerod, Shawn O'Neil, Archer Oster, Sally Pate, Ruth Patrick, Steve Patrick, Rich Petrusky, Dick Schlupe, Mindy S., Kristina Seeley, Jeanette Weidlich, Scott Wylie, Khams Zotal & his family & people of Manipur, the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Haiti, India and places in Africa, and all those affected by recent school shootings.

The altar flowers adorning the altar today are given to the Glory of God by the members of Good Soil to honor God's creation.

Flower Sign-Up- Interested in signing up to adorn Christ's altar with flowers for worship? You can sign up with the flower list on the bulletin board in the hallway or online using this QR code. Please note: The physical flower list on the bulletin board has first priority. Best efforts will be made to ensure the digital calendar reflects the physical one, but if you happen to digitally sign-up for a date that is already taken on the physical sheet, you will be contacted to reschedule. Each vase costs \$20. You may also bring your own flowers instead of buying them through Good Soil, but please do still sign up.



September is our celebration of the glory of God's Season of Creation! On September 29th, the last Sunday in the Season of Creation, Good Soil will be having a hymn sing! Join us to hear bible stories and sing praise to God's creation!

Lakewood Community Outreach Every 3rd Sat and New Covenant Outreach every 4th Sat - Want to share God's love in a tangible way and help feed neighbors in our community? Our friends in Lakewood are seeking additional volunteers to assist with their summer produce distribution. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 9am to help prep food in the parking lot of Lakewood Congregational Church (1375 W Clifton Blvd). You can also help by donating plastic bags (bin located under the coat rack in the hallway) and praying for this ministry. Thanks for your support! **This Saturday: Produce Distribution, New Covenant Lutheran Church, 1424 Hayden Avenue, East Cleveland, Saturday, September 28, 8:30 am.**

Coffee Hour Fellowship- Volunteer hosts are needed to set-up, brew, and clean-up the coffee/tea service and/or provide snacks or baked goods. The Coffee Hour volunteer sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the first-floor lounge. **Coffee Hour Set Up/Using the Bunn Coffee-Maker 101 RESCHEDULED to October.**

Time to "Learn & Grow"- "Learn & Grow" time for kids during the Sunday Service will return in October and it will be expanding to include preschoolers through 4th graders. Look for more information on the new Sunday School year coming soon. Adults and teens are invited to join in. You, too, will learn and grow from interacting with Good Soil's kids! Please contact JoAnne Wancata or Chris Jacobson for more information on joining the rotation of teachers who lead the 15-to-20-minute sessions approximately once every 4 to 6 weeks.

Newsletter- Want to keep up with news at Good Soil or share the e-news with a friend? Sign up or share our newsletter *Seeds* with the QR code to the right or this URL: <https://tinyurl.com/bddjk7yp> The e-news is currently on summer break.



Meals on Wheels is looking for drivers! West Shore Rocky River-Lakewood Meals on Wheels needs drivers to deliver meals to our recipients, especially M-W-F. Please contact Kathy Blackwell @ 440-333-6298 or rrlwcoordinator@westshoremow.org for more info.

Suburban Cooperative Nursery School has been successfully educating westside preschoolers since 1961. They're now enrolling for Fall with openings in the age 3 preschool program and the age 4 Pre-K program. For more info or to schedule a tour, call 440-331-9929, email suburbancoop@gmail.com, or visit www.suburbancooperative.com

Calendar of Events		
Date	Event	Time
Sun, Sept 22	In-Person and Livestream Worship- Mountain Sunday <i>Bring your cut flowers (or a prized vegetable)!</i>	9:30 am
Sat, Sept 28	Produce Distribution, New Covenant Lutheran Church, 1424 Hayden Avenue, East Cleveland	8:30 am
Sun, Sept 29	In-Person and Livestream Worship- Season of Creation Hymn-Sing	9:30 am
Sat, Oct 5	Ladies' Breakfast @ Gene's Place to Dine	9:00 am
Sun, Oct 6	In-Person & Livestream Worship	9:30 am
Sun, Oct 6	Community Pet Blessing @ Bethesda on the Bay	2:00 pm
Sun, Oct 13	In-Person & Livestream Worship	9:30 am

