



# Welcome

Creation Care Lunchtime Conversation

January 20, 2026



# Opening Prayer

God of beauty and God of truth, everything in your creation is connected, for all share a common origin in your creating hand. Fill us with a spirit of praise, gratitude, wisdom, and courage, that we might care for creation and not misuse it, ensure that its goods are shared in justice with all our brothers and sisters, and speak out on its behalf whenever it is threatened. Amen.

# Agenda

- Welcome & Opening Prayer
- Introductions (15 min)
  - Name, congregation
  - What does creation care look like in your context?
- Why do we do this work? What is the work? (5 min)
- Small Group Conversations (25 min)
  - What's working? What is bearing fruit?
  - What's challenging?
  - What are you needing?
- Large-Group Sharing (10 min)
- What's Next? (5 min)
- Closing Prayer



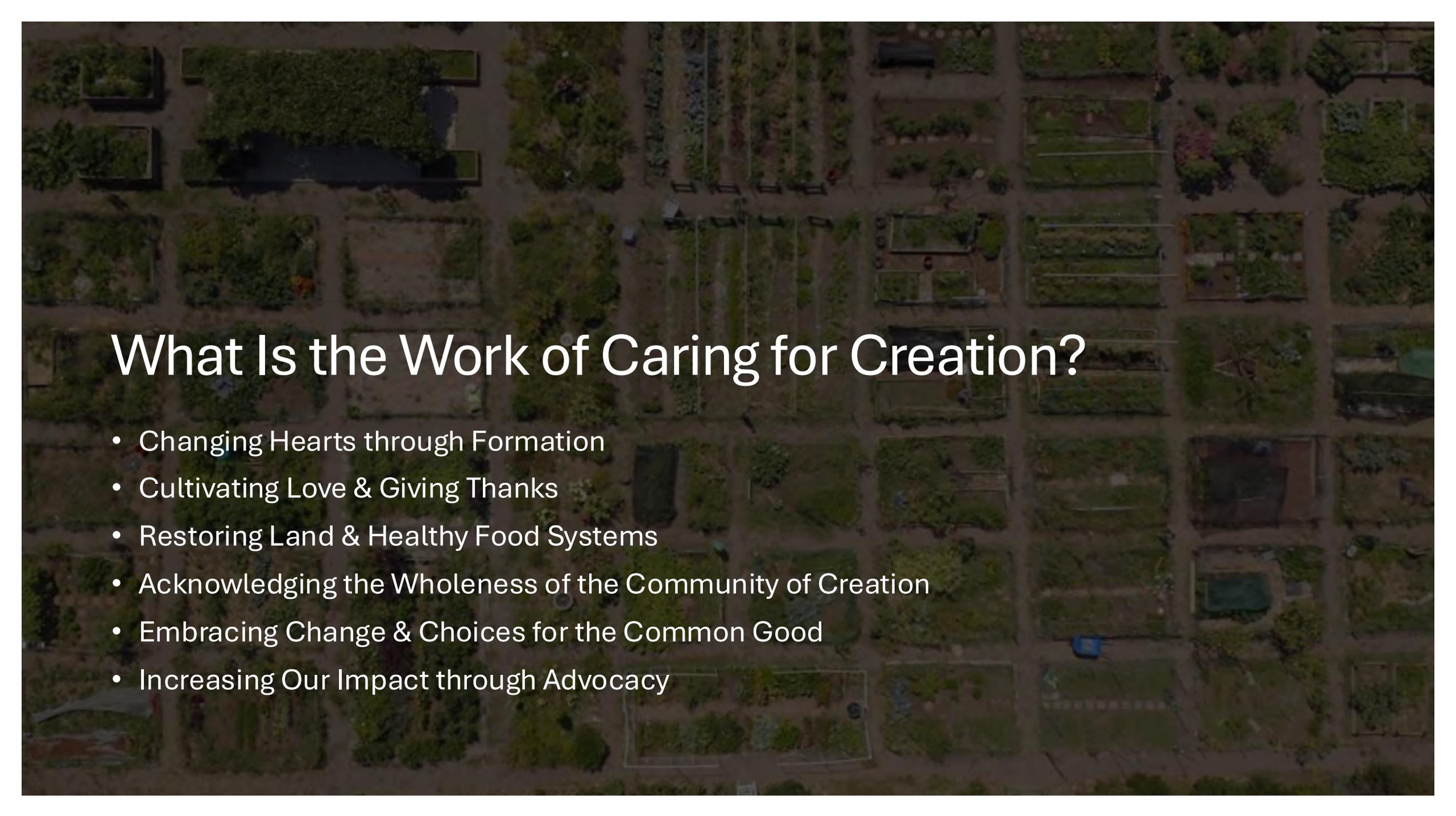


# Why do we do this work?

In living out our baptismal covenant to *strive for justice and peace among all people*, we are called to tend to the planet that houses and nourishes all people and to have *wisdom and reverence* in this work so that the earth is a source of healthy life for each of the more than 8 billion people now inhabiting the planet, as well as for those who come after us.

Created in the image of God, we are co-creators—*fellow workers*—inspired to bring about healing and wholeness when we see sickness and brokenness. We see the suffering of people that is caused by a lack of clean water, clean air, and nutrient-rich food. We see many signs of environmental degradation. We can't ignore the impact of our habits and lifestyles on the earth that supports all people

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An aerial photograph of a community garden. The garden is divided into many rectangular raised beds, each containing various plants and vegetables. Several people are visible working in the garden. The overall scene is lush and green, with a grid-like layout of the beds.

# What Is the Work of Caring for Creation?

- Changing Hearts through Formation
- Cultivating Love & Giving Thanks
- Restoring Land & Healthy Food Systems
- Acknowledging the Wholeness of the Community of Creation
- Embracing Change & Choices for the Common Good
- Increasing Our Impact through Advocacy



# Small-Group Questions

- What's working? What is bearing fruit?
- What's challenging?
- What are you needing?



# What's Next? Upcoming Happenings

- **Lunch & Share** – March 17, 12:00-1:00 pm MT
- **Earth Day Morning Prayer** – April 22, 7:30 am MT
- **National Faith + Climate Forum** – April 25, 10:00-3:30 MT
- **Grasslands Gathering 2026** – May 1-2 in Amarillo, TX
  - Theme: *Let Justice Flow Like Water*
- **Rocky Flats Pilgrimage** – May 2026 in Superior, CO
- **Care of Creation Retreat** – August 14-16 at Cathedral Ridge
- **Summer Book Study** – Title tba
- **Season of Creation** – September 1-October 4
  - Theme: *Living Water*

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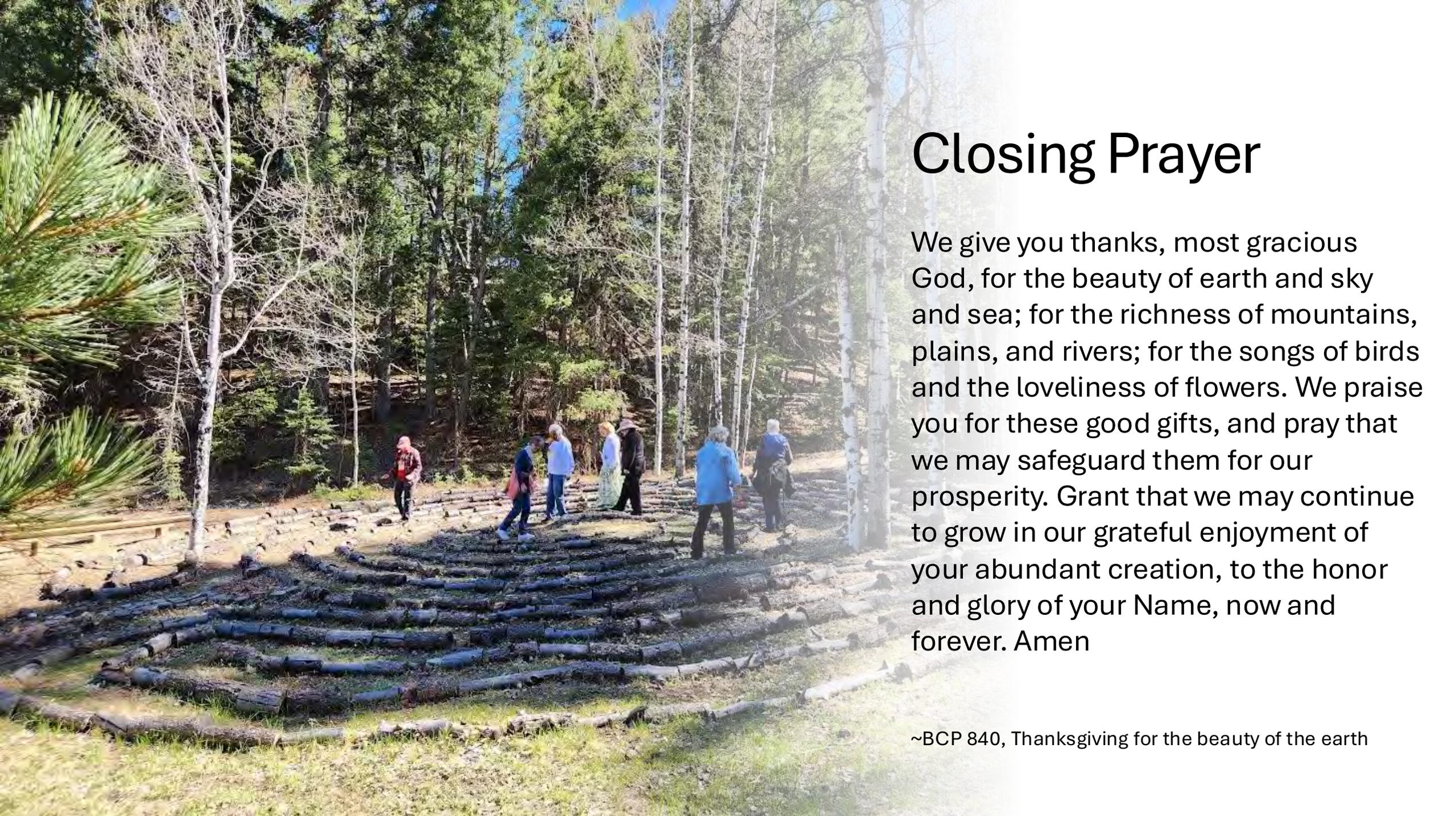
Creation Care Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vkCoTM9rkQE>

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A group of about ten people are walking along a path made of stacked logs in a forest. The path is circular and made of dark, charred logs. The forest is dense with various trees, including tall evergreens and thinner deciduous trees. The ground is covered in grass and fallen leaves. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day. The text "Closing Prayer" is overlaid on the right side of the image.

# Closing Prayer

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our prosperity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and forever. Amen

~BCP 840, Thanksgiving for the beauty of the earth