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Behold!

*"God saw everything God made
and behold, it was very good."* Genesis 1:31

Young environmental advocates lead the way.

At First Congregational Church in Montclair, New Jersey, young climate leaders like Jey Cook and Simona Graceffo have played a leading role in advancing the care of God's creation both within and beyond their church. With a sense of passion and purpose, they created an uplifting video to kick-start the all-church process of becoming a UCC Creation Justice Church. Each of them was also a climate justice fellow at their church over the course of the summer as they engaged with efforts in the broader community to promote local sustainability and food security. Witness the leadership of Cook and Graceffo in their video:



<https://bit.ly/CreationJusticeVideo>



Prayer

Dear God,

Each day we behold the beauty and goodness of all that you have created.

Each day we breathe in your air, drink your water, and enjoy your fields of harvest.

We rejoice and give thanks for the gifts of your creation!

Amen.

Litany of Wonder

Leader: Let us behold the wonders of creation. Let us marvel at the infinite artistry of nature.

People: Let our senses take it all in: each tree, each flower, each blade of grass.

Leader: All around us are gifts that have been bestowed upon us by God.

People: Today, we renew our spirits and fill our hearts with gratitude

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