



We all know there are many in our congregation who know and experience loving God by loving God's creation. What do you think might be the result of a big group of us exploring this relationship by immersing ourselves in prayer and reflection about that creation? Especially under the guidance of a pastor who has a lifelong spiritual relationship with nature and who has now put together a guidebook especially for people like us, the results might be rather remarkable. You are invited to come, participate and find out.

The Rev. Dr. Sam Hamilton-Poore, D. Min., has long been attentive to nature and the environment, including human relationships to/with them, and now has written this prayer guidebook for people like us – people who “know or suspect that there is a direct connection between loving God and loving God's creation.” The book is designed to be used in 28 consecutive days of prayer. Each day of the week has a theme, and there is a guide for three prayer periods each day. Morning and evening prayer times begin with a few opening words, followed by a hymn, scripture, a reading from one of a wide variety of sources, and a blessing. The midday period is designed for a shorter period of time and consists of a short reading and a prayer.

Building on our congregation's Lenten focus on the environment, the Worship Committee is delighted that Dr. Hamilton-Poore, Director of the Program in Christian Spirituality at SFTS, will be conducting a weekly series of sessions during Lent, using his book *Earth Gospel, a Guide to Prayer for God's Creation*. The series is for six weeks, from **February 21st through March 28th**, from 11:30 to 1:00 in the Fireside Room. Previously arranged child care will be available.