

# Resources

## Online Faith Organizations and the Theology of Creation Care:

- 🌿 Eco-Justice Programs: [www.ncecojustice.org](http://www.ncecojustice.org)
- 🌿 Evangelical Environmental Network: [www.creationcare.org](http://www.creationcare.org)
- 🌿 Interfaith Power of Light: [www.interfaithpower.org](http://www.interfaithpower.org)
- 🌿 Presbyterians for Restoring Creation: [www.prcweb.org](http://www.prcweb.org)
- 🌿 [www.pcusa.org/environment/index](http://www.pcusa.org/environment/index)
- 🌿 [www.restoringeden.org](http://www.restoringeden.org)
- 🌿 [www.irreplaceablewild.org](http://www.irreplaceablewild.org)

## Recommended Reading:

- 🌿 *Our Father's World*, Edward Brown
- 🌿 *Earth-Wise: A Biblical Response to Environmental Issues*, Calvin DeWitt
- 🌿 *Say Yes to No*, Greg Cootsona
- 🌿 *The Green Bible*, NRSV
- 🌿 *Simpler Living, Compassionate Life*, Compiled by Michael Schut
- 🌿 *Food & Faith: Justice, Joy, and Daily Bread*, Compiled by Michael Schut

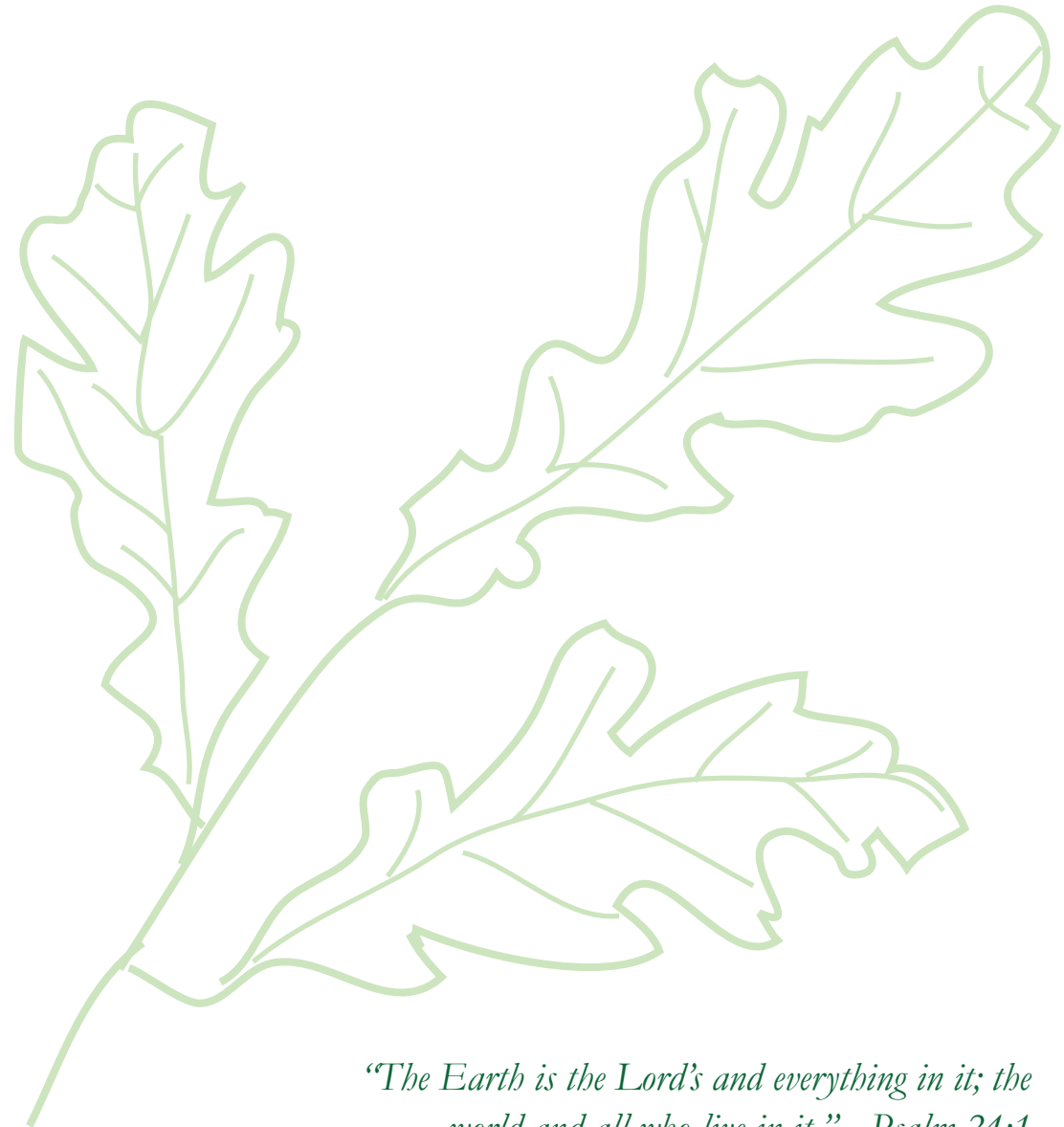
## Resources for Environmental Protection:

- 🌿 Home Water Conservation site: [www.h2ouse.org](http://www.h2ouse.org)
- 🌿 PG&E energy efficiency tips: [www.pge.com](http://www.pge.com)
- 🌿 The Union of Concerned Scientists: [www.ucsusa.org](http://www.ucsusa.org)
- 🌿 Butte Co. Waste: [www.buttecounty.net/recyclebutte.asp](http://www.buttecounty.net/recyclebutte.asp)
- 🌿 City of Chico Waste & Recycling:  
[www.chico.ca.gov/general\\_services\\_department/solid\\_waste\\_and\\_reclying/home\\_page.asp](http://www.chico.ca.gov/general_services_department/solid_waste_and_reclying/home_page.asp)
- 🌿 California Water Service Conservation:  
[www.calwater.com/conservation/index.php](http://www.calwater.com/conservation/index.php)



# Environmental Stewardship

Bidwell Presbyterian Church



*“The Earth is the Lord’s and everything in it; the world and all who live in it.” - Psalm 24:1*

# e Sustainability at Bidwell Presbyterian

**The environmental stewardship committee was formed in 2009. It's mission reads:**

*We believe that God created the earth good and entrusted us with its care. Recognizing that the earth and its resources are precious gifts from God, we promote the stewardship of God's world as an important and timely part of our life together as a worshipping community.*

## **The Bible calls us to be stewards of creation. The Church can and must be a positive agent for change.**

*"And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good" (Gen 1:31). He cares about creation and sustains it. If we neglect or abuse God's creation, we damage something that is precious to Him.*

*God specifically commanded humankind to serve and protect creation (Gen 2:15).*

*Christ died to reconcile all of creation to God (Col 1:20).*

*"The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains" (1 Cor 10:26). We are part of creation, not lords of it. The land is not ours, it belongs to God (Lev 25:23).*

*"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (Matt 22:39). Love of neighbor demands that we be better stewards of creation. We cannot love our neighbor, yet not care about the air he breathes or the water he drinks.*

*"Justice, and only justice, shall you pursue" (Deut 16:18-20). Justice requires environmental stewardship. Environmental degradation disproportionately harms the poor and vulnerable.*

*Responsibility to future generations demands environmental stewardship. What are we leaving to future generations? (Deut. 29:22)*

# Our Goals

We are seeking to embrace stewardship of God's world. Bidwell Presbyterian pursues waste reduction, energy conservation, water conservation, and pollution prevention on our campus, within our congregation, and in our community.

## **As a church, we aim to:**

- 🌱 Work to reduce waste through reuse, recycling, and reducing use.
- 🌱 Purchase sustainable products where possible.
- 🌱 Provide avenues for individuals to provide feedback and suggest additional ways of improving practices.

## **As a congregation, we aim to:**

- 🌱 Understand why environmental stewardship is an important Christian value.
- 🌱 Provide education about resource consumption and environmentally friendly lifestyles.
- 🌱 Encourage carpooling and lower-carbon-footprint transportation options, especially biking.
- 🌱 Develop ways to reduce solid waste.
- 🌱 Use creativity and celebration to encourage change.
- 🌱 Live more simply so that we have less impact on the environment.

