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Dear Faith Leader:

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

From the hymn, "For the Beauty of the Earth"

And God saw all that He had made, and indeed it was very good. Genesis 1:31

Our lives are so wrapped up in the hectic pace of ministry that we often fail to enjoy creation, to "stop and smell the roses." Richland Conservation District wants to help your faith community celebrate creation and educate about conservation.

Soil and Water Stewardship Week is April 30-May 7. If you find these days are not convenient for your congregation's calendar, then you may pick another date. Resources are available for Sunday bulletins, church newsletters, and for educating your congregation on how to conserve resources and care for creation. You may request *free* resources (sponsored by the Conservation District) by simply completing the enclosed form. If you have additional questions or needs, please feel free to contact the staff of the Richland Conservation District at 576-2080, or email soilandwater@richlandonline.com. You may also be interested in the web site for the National Association of Conservation Districts, www.nacdnet.org.

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth," and God gave us dominion over the earth. Since God has trusted us with the care of creation, may we be faithful stewards of the beauty that surrounds us.

In Faith,

Rev. Cathy Jamieson-Ogg
Pastor, Trinity United Methodist Church
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