

# UNEARTHED



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**Unearthed | Climate Crisis (week 2):** Is the climate crisis just too big, or are there approachable ways for us to engage in the conversation with courage and conviction? We trust that the latter is true! Let's dive in.

## WELCOME

Life, for adults and kids alike, is most fulfilling when it is woven deeply with the strands of your full self, others, and that third strand that is bigger, beyond, around and within us all that you may or may not know as God.

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## WHAT TO EXPECT

**We're glad you're here!**

Music with Chris Tripolino and the Fabric Band

Welcome & Say Hi

Message, *Climate Crisis (week 2)*, Ian McConnell

Connecting with and supporting Fabric

Song & Closing



**What's happening for KIDS today? SCUBA | Seeking Justice Through ADAPTABILITY.** Sometimes the first ideas don't work out and we need to keep thinking of new ways to try and work out a problem. The Octopus is an amazingly adaptable creature! They have to be! They have so many predators in the ocean, and they have found all kinds of new ways to keep themselves safe – even when the challenge seems impossible! Come see how a character from the Old Testament had to adapt in some pretty surprising ways.

## COMING UP AND MORE



**May 5 | Palestine & Israel (week 1)** - What comes up for us as we look up at the current events in Gaza? We'll welcome Jenny Sung, a pastor working through the ELCA's Sumud ministry toward justice in Palestine and Israel to hear about how she shows up in her role with steadfastness in light of such despair and heartbreak.



**A Fabric Group** is any group of people meeting regularly to practice and connect around our shared Fabric conversations. They meet regularly at a variety of times and in ways that work for them. It is always a good time to ask about Groups! More at [fabricmpls.com/groups](http://fabricmpls.com/groups).



**The Spring Giving Challenge runs through May 3.** We're making good progress on our goals of: 1) raising \$30K in one-time gifts, and 2) increasing automated giving by at least \$1500/month. However, we're less than halfway to 100 participants. Join us now! Whatever the size of your gift, we're striving for the whole Fabric community to contribute. **Make sure your participation gets counted!** Use the QR code to let us know your plans. More at [fabricmpls.com/sgc](http://fabricmpls.com/sgc)



**The story of this land matters.** We gather on land that was honored by the Dakota people for centuries, but from which they were forcibly and dishonorably removed and continue to be erased.

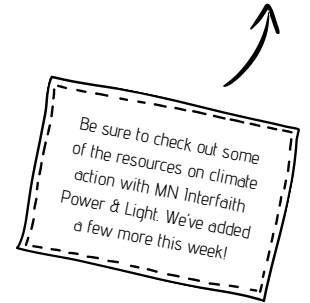
there's nothin' trivial about climate change...

but we can still have a little fun learning more about how to tend the earth well, no?



sunday morning trivia night answers:

- 1) What is the primary greenhouse gas emitted by human activities that contributes to rapid global warming? **Carbon Dioxide**
- 2) Which international agreement, signed in 2015, aims to limit global warming to well below two degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels? **The Paris Agreement**
- 3) In what year did scientists first warn about the potential impacts of climate change in a report to the United Nations? **1988**
- 4) Ancient wisdom from shared oral history points to humanity having a role in caring for the earth... Genesis 2:15 says, "The Lord God took the human and settled them in the garden of Eden to farm it and to care for it.
- 5) Which renewable energy source, derived from the sun's radiation, is often cited as a key solution to mitigating climate change? **Solar Power!**
- 6) According to the United Nations, there are 7 primary causes of climate change. List as many of the 7 as you can! **Generating power, manufacturing goods, cutting down forests, using transportation, producing food, powering buildings, and overconsumption**
- 7) Which international environmental movement, initiated by Swedish teenager Greta Thunberg, gained widespread attention for advocating for action on climate change? **Fridays for Future**
- 8) This plant– the official state grain of Minnesota– is more than just a delicious food; it is a central part of Minnesota's biodiversity, and Anishinaabe spirituality, culture, nutrition, and economies, it is facing threats. What is the name of this plant? **Wild Rice/Manoomin**
- 9) MNCIFA (short for the Minnesota Climate Innovation Finance Authority) was established by the 2023 Minnesota Legislature as a green bank designed to help communities, families, and businesses equitably do what? **Access money for renewable energy projects**
- 10) In what year was Earth Day first celebrated, marking the beginning of the modern environmental movement and raising awareness about issues like climate change? **1970**



BONUS:

Ways we can individually combat climate change:

Ways we can make a bigger impact through collective action together:



**ROAM (Read, Observe, Apply, Meditate)** — when it comes to issues of both science and faith, it makes sense that there's a tense relationship between what can be observed and what remains unknown. Hebrews 11:3 provides a reminder of this, and encourages readers to contemplate both the visible and the unknowable.

**Homework Invitation** — Notice your body as a part of creation [again] this week. Seriously! Take time to check in as an important, beautiful part of all of this (*we're gesturing broadly at the world here*). When you pause to breathe, what happens in your body? When you consider climate change, what do you feel in your body, and where? This is a worthy practice!