

April 27, 2008 "Responsible Stewardship" - Rev. Sandi Rice

- Tuesday was Earth Day
- We are to take care of God's land/creation
- Church communities have the responsibility to do the right/moral thing.
- We have been charged as stewards for God's creation
- God: I have a world that will take care of you if you take care of it.
- We are to see our sin of waste, and repent (see the wrong you are doing and do something anew).
- It is a sin to abuse what God has created
- Find areas in our lives where our actions are displeasing to our Creator
- We choose ways that are convenient – we are sometimes lazy – pray for God to help.
- Be a co-participant with creation/have a relationship with the Creator
- Psalm 24
- It takes a while to change – it is through time, energy, and practice
- When there is a scarcity of resources, those who suffer are the poor/people who cannot do anything about the situation
- What are we going to do to make a difference?
- [Members of the congregation shared how they make a difference]:
 - Freecycle.com
 - Unplug things that are not being used – still uses electricity if it's still plugged in
 - Lightbulbs
 - Don't use styrofoam, plastic bags, etc.