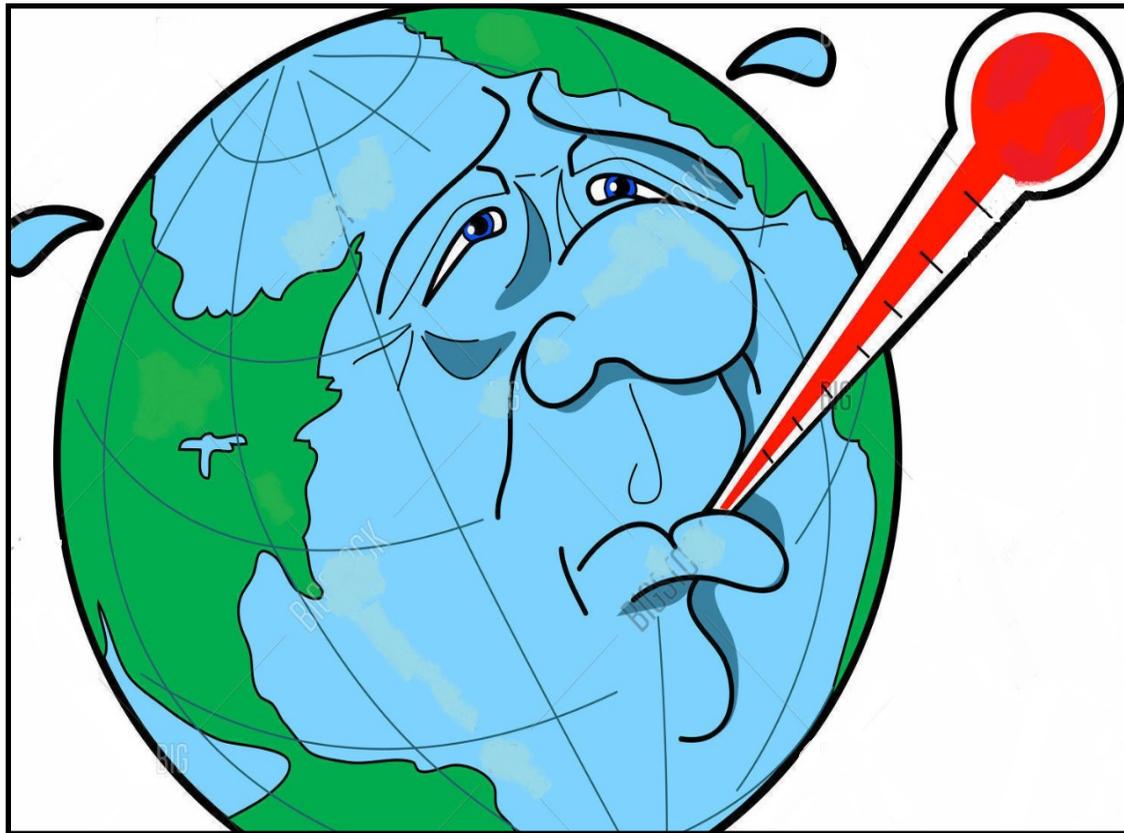


Explanation of Artwork

“Food for All” is a prayer of our young people. Reflecting on Jesus’ miracle of feeding crowds, which is repeated 5 times in 4 gospels. Sharing a meal was a powerful way to connect with others in Jesus’ day and still is today. During Lent we break bread and share a meal not only with each other but with our Lord.



The theme of our Lenten Wednesday services comes from Paul’s letter to the Philippians. In this joyful letter Paul summarizes Jesus’ entire ministry in just a few words, “he emptied himself...so that every tongue would confess.” Our confirmation class has spent some time wondering about what we would ask God to empty from our world. Some are global concerns like climate change while others are deeply personal such as anger. As we move through Lent, we hope to finish 12 images. 6 images of things we ask God to empty from our world and 6 we pray God to fill our world.



“Healing the Sick Earth” depicts an ill planet with a thermometer. Chosen by Amanda Blechner. Taking one’s temperature is often the first step in identifying a problem and moving towards health. We pray that God continue to give us a passion to heal our world.

“Meh” the modern catchphrase for apathy and helplessness is something we pray God to empty. Jesus came with opinions, thoughts and ideas. Jesus changed the world by empowering ordinary people to do extraordinary things. We pray God empty our world of the sense of the idea of powerlessness.





Ecclesiastes 7:9
Do not be quick to anger,
for anger lodges in the bosom of fools.

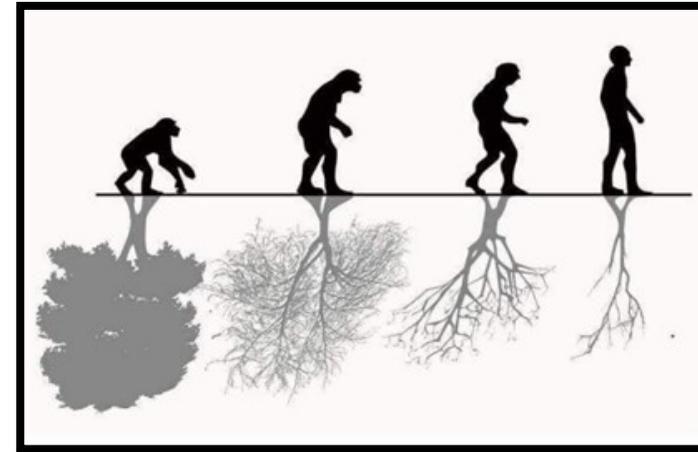
God take away our hatred and rage. You give each opinions and differing thoughts not so that we might crush one another, but that we might sharpen each other for the good of all. Give us the control to take a breath, look for the good in others and control our tempers.

Over a month ago, as we prayed and dreamed about what we would ask God to empty from our world, one of the responses was the Corona Virus. Now the virus dominates the headlines and our prayer remains. We ask not only for God to remove the virus from our world, but we also ask God to continue strengthening health care workers, giving wisdom to those making decisions about travel and love for those in quarantine.



Jobs for All-Lady with a Briefcase

It isn't surprising that young people in 8th and 9th grade care about adults having jobs. Providing meaningful employment to every adult makes a world of difference to those children under their care. In the United States, 1 in 8 adults live in poverty, and 1 in every 5 kids according to the U.S. Census Bureau. God grant our leaders and businesses the means and motivation to employ everyone who is looking for a job.



To begin with we have several images involving climate change. “Evolution and Destruction” chosen by Jack Ferone, wonders if there is a way to live in peace with our climate. Questioning if human evolution demands environmental destruction. Our God calls us to live in peace not only with those humans around us but with our natural world.