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Mission Moment

This time of year, Creation seems to jump out all around us....the buds on the trees, daffodils and crocus, Creation is springing up after a winter of what appeared to be death.

All of Creation seems to be involved with birth, death and resurrection of Christ. From the shepherds with their sheep...to the donkey and the colt...and the palm branches as Jesus entered Jerusalem on this day we call Palm Sunday, we see Jesus interacting with Creation. And, we see Creation interacting with Jesus as He provides an abundance of fish, He calms the seas and as the earth shakes in the moment that He dies on the cross.

Creation is what God has provided to sustain us, providing shelter, food and water. Many of our United Methodist churches will be celebrating the Festival of Creation this month. It is a day celebrating God's gift of Creation to us.

The General Board of Church and Society also reminds us that we, as people of faith, are called upon to protect and serve God's Creation.

Our generous gifts of support to the *World Service Fund* aid this important work as it continues to call us to care for this "**gift**" ... this "**gift**" of Creation.