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## Mission Moment

This time of year, even in the busyness of life, creation seems to jump out to us. Whether it is a daffodil or the crocus, or buds on the tress, creation is springing up after a winter of what appeared to be death.

All of creation seems to be involved with the birth, death and resurrection of Christ. From the shepherds with their sheep... to the donkey and the colt ...and the 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, calms the sea, and as the earth shakes in the moment that he dies on the cross.

Creation is what God has provided to sustain us, providing us with shelter, food and water. Many of our United Methodist churches will be celebrating the Festival of Creation during 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 to protect and serve God's creation. Our generous gifts to the World Service Fund aid this important work as the General Board of Church and Society continues to call us to care for this gift of creation.