

Sermon Suggestions for Preaching on Green Energy Day (Christian)

Be sure and relate some personal experience you have had with the Creation, the loss of habitat for creatures, the results of pollution, a beautiful experience in nature, a connection with some wild creature, etc.

Our response to environmental concerns starts with the Creation story in Genesis. There God creates humankind in God's image [that is, as creator and valuer (And God saw that it was good)]. And God gives humankind dominion (power). This is reinforced in the 8th Psalm. But humans have misused their power because of the Fall. So a new heart is needed and new actions that are centered on the Creation and for the sake of the Creation, rather than centered on Self (the results of the Fall).

Noah's Ark is always a great place to start. It has been called the first 'endangered species act.' It results in the promise of God never again to destroy life on Earth. But humans, apparently, don't see themselves under the same constraint.

Throughout the Scriptures there is the admonition to love your neighbor as yourself. If you love your neighbor (human and non-human), then you won't dirty their air, pollute their water or destroy their land with toxins.

In the New Testament, Jesus as the servant is a good antidote for the use of power (dominion) for Self. We are called to be servants of each other. It is not a great stretch to see us as servants of the whole Creation.

Colossians 1:15-20 is the great passage about Christ being the instrument of creation as well as of reconciliation. You can take this passage pretty far in terms of environmental concerns.