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<b>Liturgical Date: Year A, <i>Forest</i> Sunday, September 6th, 2020</b>	
<b>Presenter</b>	Rev Tom Stuart <b>"Season of Creation" Month</b>
<b>Focus Reading</b>	Genesis 2:4b-22
<b>Message</b>	12 minutes 5 seconds
<b>Discussion Starters</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 What was something that stood out for you in today's message?</li> <li>2 What differences do you notice in people in regard to respect toward creation?</li> <li>3 How can we encourage a greater awareness of God "in" creation in our congregation?</li> <li>4 What good news emerges from this message for the world today?</li> </ol>
<b>Other Lectionary readings for the day</b>	<p><b>Psalm 139:13-16</b> God's intimate knowledge of each person is poetically praised in this witness to God's loving artistry.</p> <p><b>Acts 17: 22-28</b> Paul recites the story of Jesus (the <i>Kerygma</i>) in a manner attuned to the interests and commitments of the Athenians, offering them a better hope.</p> <p><b>John 3:1-16</b> God's mission of cosmic salvation is fully known by the Human One who has descended from heaven and then by those to whom the Spirit freely grants new birth from above. This new birth leads to a life of similar freedom whose quantity <i>and quality</i> are described as <i>eternal</i>.</p> <p><small>Excerpted from Abingdon's Theological Companion to the Lectionary, Year A. Copyright c2013 by Abingdon Press, an imprint of the United Methodist Publishing House. Used by permission. All rights reserved.)</small></p>
<b>All Age Message:</b>	Laraine Chegwidden
<b>Approx. Length:</b>	5 minutes 42 seconds
<b>Precis of AAM</b>	We hear the story from "The Giving Tree" by Shell Silverstein. The tree reminds us of God and his great Love. Like the tree, God is willing to give us everything he has, just as the tree gave the boy everything he had to offer, until it was just a stump! The sad thing about this story is that the boy never said "Thank You" – he just kept asking for more!

### Rev Tom Stuart

Minister in placement at Charlestown and Garden Suburb Congregation, in NSW/ACT Synod. Married to Kathy with four adult children, and now have 2 grandchildren. My passion (apart from the grandchildren!) is exploring the practices of contemplative Christianity and engaging in the transition of the church as we were, to the church that we will be. Enjoy going for walks with my next-door neighbour and yoga.

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