Would you and your community be willing to change some of your yard care or gardening practices if it meant drawing excess carbon emissions out of the atmosphere?

Would you like to incorporate your care for God's creation into your worship life and spiritual practice in a deeper way?

Does your community want to deepen relationships with one another while deepening relationships throughout your larger community?

Do you feel called to stand with marginalized communities most affected by climate change?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, there's a path for you.

## Our Mission

EcoFaith Recovery is a faith-based mutual leadership effort uplifts communities taking courageous action for environmental and climate justice. We do this by engaging in EcoFaith's *Practices for Awakening Leadership* which facilitate our participation in God's work and healing.

These *Practices* include:

- 1. Access Spiritual Power
- 2. Develop Relationships
- 3. Discover Our Stories
- 4. Mentor One Another
- 5. Act Together

- 6. Reflect on Our Actions
- 7. Restore Balance

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The Lord will guide you continually, giving you water when you are dry and restoring your strength. You will be like a well-watered garden, like an everflowing spring. (Isaiah 58:11)



# Community Carbon

### Shifting balance for the Earth community

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## Find Your Path...

There 's no right or wrong way to engage in the Community Carbon initiative. Use these suggestions or discover your own path into this nourishing garden...

#### <u>RELATIONSHIPS</u>

- Invite one another to share our histories and experiences with the land
- Discover the stories of and develop relationships with indigenous peoples
- Discover the stories of and develop relationships with land workers
- Watch for other relationships that will emerge, blossom, and grow

#### JUSTICE

- Recognize the marginalized communities most affected by the prevailing climate crisis
- Learn about environmental justice and local stories of those who lack access to land or live on toxic land
- Understand the ways people have and continue to be displaced from the land
- Take public action with people disenfranchised of land or required to work and/or live on toxic land



#### <u>WORSHIP</u>

- Encourage ongoing spiritual practices with a particular tree or patch of land
- Bring plants and other members of creation into the sanctuary and prayer
- Host outdoor worship services, garden blessings, etc.
- Reform worship language to see God within the Earth and among nature
- Connect ritual and spiritual practice with other pathways

### <u>CHART</u> <u>YOUR</u> OWN PATH:

#### <u>ECOLOGY</u>

- Learn about regenerative agriculture to help sequester carbon in the soil
- Organize your community to plant ten or more Carbon Gardens with diverse native plants.
- Partner with neighbors, schools, nonprofits and local governments to restore local wetlands
- Support public policies that promote healing for the land and its native species