



Creation-Crisis Preaching with Leah Schade:

Preaching the Season of Creation – Year C

Monday, May 20, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Synod of Albany of the Reformed Church in America

Preaching “good news” in the face of environmental devastation, the climate crisis, and extreme energy extraction can feel overwhelming to pastors and congregations alike. This workshop will introduce a three-fold approach for preaching that addresses environmental justice issues with a particular eye towards congregational context (geography, culture, community, political tensions, economics, etc.). The goal of this workshop is to help preachers develop an environmentally-literate approach to preaching that honestly and creatively names the reality of our ecologically-violated world, while emphasizing a hope-filled “eco-resurrection” through Christ’s redemption of Creation.

The Rev. Dr. Leah D. Schade is Assistant Professor of Preaching and Worship at Lexington Theological Seminary in Kentucky. An ordained minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America since 2000, Leah has served congregations in rural, urban, and suburban settings. She earned both her MDiv and PhD degrees from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (now United Lutheran Seminary), and her book *Creation-Crisis Preaching: Ecology, Theology, and the Pulpit* (2015) is available from Chalice Press. Leah has served as an anti-fracking and climate activist, community organizer, and advocate for environmental justice issues. Her newest book *Preaching in the Purple Zone: Ministry in the Red-Blue Divide* is available from Rowman & Littlefield. Her forthcoming volume co-edited with Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, *Rooted and Rising: Voices of Courage in a Time of Climate Crisis*, contains essays from a cross section of faith leaders and activists offering their spiritual wisdom and energy for facing the difficult days ahead (Rowman & Littlefield, 2020). Leah is also the “EcoPreacher” blogger for Patheos.com: <http://www.patheos.com/blogs/ecopreacher/>.

This event is open to all.

Schenectady Classis Preaching Elders and those seeking to become Preaching Elders are especially encouraged to attend.

Registration details will be made available soon. Contact the Regional Synod of Albany for more registration information.