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Embracing the Community of Creation: Lenten Conversations on Faith, Animals and Eco-Justice

**Fridays, February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, April 9
12:30-1 :30 p.m. PST via zoom**

Human beings represent just one of 8.7 million species in the vast and beautiful community of creation. Yet nonhuman creatures are rarely the focus of our preaching, teaching, and prayer. What does Christianity actually have to say about the animals we rely on for food, labor, resources, and relationship? How should faith and scientific knowledge shape our interactions with nonhuman beings?

Bearing in mind Pope Francis' continued call to "ecological conversion," this Lenten discussion series will explore these questions and more, through scripture, theological readings, and (above all!) thoughtful group conversation. Please join us as we discern new ways to understand and live our discipleship in communion with our fellow creatures.

Participation in the full series is encouraged, but please feel free to attend as many or as few sessions as you'd like. This will be an informal space, so you're welcome to enjoy a meal/snack/beverage as we chat!

Facilitator Bio: Alyssa Moore is a second-year Master of Divinity student at JST. She has an academic background in both theology and environmental science, and is currently a 2020-2021 Fellow with CreatureKind, an interdenominational organization exploring the intersections of faith, farmed animal welfare, and other social justice issues. Her recent work in eco-theology and Catholic thought will be published as a chapter in the forthcoming volume, *Valuing Lives, Healing Earth* (Peeters Publishers, Leuven).

