

The Church of the Big Blue Dome: Landscape as First Theology

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Works Referenced:

Note: I've marked four books with * as the ones I most recommend, with a few words of explanation.

Baker-Fletcher, Karen. *Sisters of Dust, Sisters of Spirit: Womanist Wordings on God and Creation*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1998.

*Benjamin, Ruha. *Viral Justice: How We Grow the World We Want*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2022.

Note: Dr. Benjamin writes from a personal and sociological perspective and I found her thoughts on interdependence to be formative for my ideas. This book isn't focused on ecology but on ethics.

Gebara, Ivone. *Longing for Running Water: Ecofeminism and Liberation*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2003.

*Gerfao, Sierra-Marie. "Leaning into Interconnectedness." In *Love at the Center: Unitarian Universalist Theologies*. Boston: Skinner House, 2024.

*Goodenough, Ursula. *The Sacred Depths of Nature: How Life Has Emerged and Evolved*. Second edition. New York: Oxford University Press, 2023.

Note: This is the book I heartily recommend for an introduction to religious naturalism. You can also find numerous insightful interviews with Dr. Goodenough on YouTube; here's a short one: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PiZIlkOFPZI>

Green Sanctuary Monthly Gathering - October 2023: UU Theological Grounding for Climate Justice, 2024. <https://vimeo.com/1020738486>.

Note: For Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt's thoughts on interdependence, start at 20:30 for the theological conversation

Kidwell, Clara Sue, Homer Noley, and George E. Tinker. *A Native American Theology*. Maryknoll, N.Y: Orbis Books, 2001.

McFague, Sallie. *A New Climate for Theology: God, the World, and Global Warming*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2008.

*Prud'homme, Sheri. "Ecotheology." In *Justice on Earth: People of Faith Working at the Intersections of Race, Class, and the Environment*. Boston: Skinner House, 2018.

Note: I've highlighted Rev. Sheri's chapter, but I highly recommend this whole book (whose title I couldn't come up with in the talk).

Ruether, Rosemary Radford. *Gaia & God: An Ecofeminist Theology of Earth Healing*. San Francisco: Harper, 1992.

Salazar, Marilú Rojas. "Experiences and Reflection on a Latin American Feminist Theology of Liberation Using an Ecofeminist Key Towards an Indigenous Women's Perspective." *The Ecumenical Review* 62, no. 4 (December 2010).