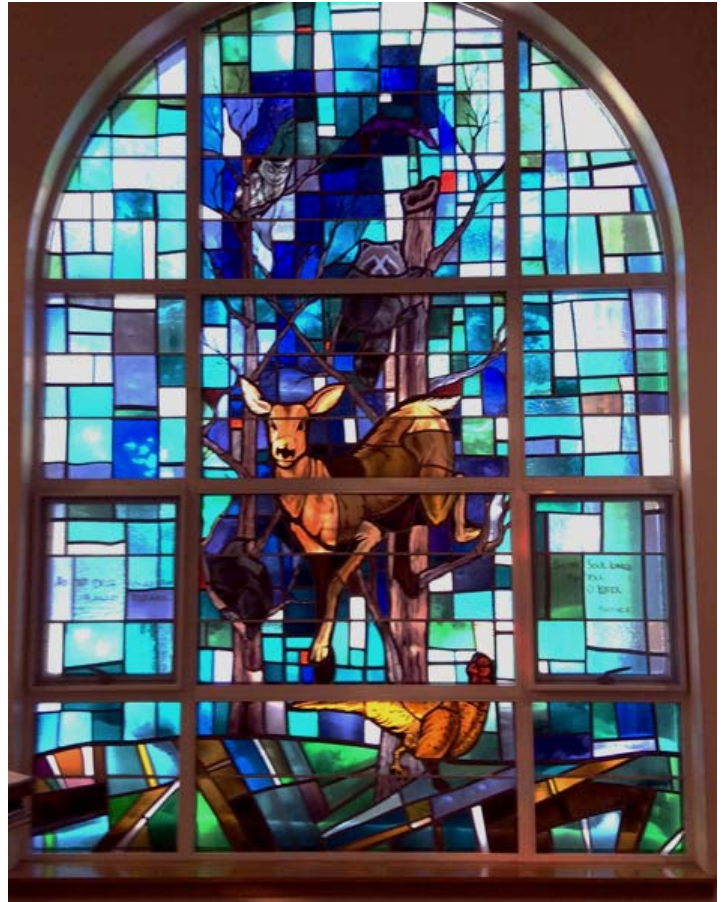


**“As the deer longs for running streams, so my soul longs for you, oh Lord.”** PSALM 42:2 **“He sends forth springs in the valley”** PSALM 104:10.

The psalmist compared the natural longings of the deer with the deepest of all natural longings, the search for God. Each of the animals in this window is depicted in some form of action which we see them pursuing as part of their nature. The deer bounding through the woods, the pheasant running in the field, the squirrel perpetually foraging, the raccoon caught in his nocturnal prowling, and the owl on the lookout for the next meal. They go about the task of finding food to sustain them.”

**“Animals both small and great... they all wait for thee to give them their food in due season.”** PSALM 104:10, 25-27.  
**“The earth is the Lord’s and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.”** PSALM 24:1



Christian stewardship of the beautiful world God gave us, and our care for the people and creatures in it, express our reverence for God grounded in two biblical principles.

First, the earth belongs to God. The psalmist praised the Lord for His creation and His ownership of it. The Heavens, the earth, and all that are in it are His. He created it. He is sovereign over it, and He cares for it. Second, God delegated the responsibility for the well being of His earth to us. This is our Father’s world. We are stewards of His earth, responsible to Him. If we care for the earth the way He intended, the needs of all of us will be provided for.