**"Stewardship of the Environment" Genesis 1:24-31**
**Sermon Notes ❖ March 18, 2018**

Introduction:

A. The Environment is God's _____.

1. Created for _____

2. Created for _____

*"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him."* Colossians 1:15-16

B. The Environment is our _____.

1. To _____

2. To _____

3. To _____

*"The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."* Genesis 2:15

C. The Environment suffers from the _____.

1. _____ Law of Thermodynamics

*"For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now."* Romans 8:20-22

2. _____ Nature

*"We confess to you our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us."* Lenten service responsive reading.

D. The _____ of the Environment

1. In _____

2. In _____

*"Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea."* Revelation 21:1