

The Heavens Are Telling

A course of The Pilgrimage ministry exploring creation as theater of God's glory.

*The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.*

— Psalm 19:1

Both the authors of Scripture and theologians across the centuries have recognized the deep connection between the glory of nature and the glory of God. This course will explore the writings of theologian Belden Lane & Christine Valters Paintner alongside a range of scriptural passages that consider creation and its role in communicating the intentions of God.

Course Requirements:

1) Read one of the following books:

- † [The Solace of Fierce Landscapes](#) by Belden Lane
- † [Ravished By Beauty](#) by Belden Lane
- † [Water, Wind, Earth & Fire](#) by Christine Valters Paintner
- † [Earth, Our Original Monastery: Cultivating Wonder and Gratitude through Intimacy with Nature](#) by Christine Valters Paintner
(last two most easily accessible of the books listed)

Write a one-page book reflection **which is best due by February 1, 2026** but at the latest is due February 28, 2026.

2) Attend the two class-sessions and participate in the small-group activities.

Sunday February 1, 3:00 - 4:30 PM Eastern time.

Sunday February 8, 3:00-4:30 PM Eastern Time.

3) Following the final class spend 30 days attentive to the ways that nature is speaking to you of God's glory and of God's intentions and reflect on what that means for your own life & discipleship. Then come debrief with pastor Paul. This is due within 60 days of the final course class (in this case **before May 1, 2026**).