

# *Sacredness of Life:* A conversation on Systemic Racism, Climate Change and why the statement “**I Can’t Breathe**” is echoing across the planet *with Joni Scott*



**Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020**  
**9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

River House –  
IHM Spirituality Center  
805 W. Elm Ave.  
Monroe, Mich.

*“When we take our air, water and land for granted, when we show a simple lack of respect for nature and our environment, we unmake God’s creation. Humanity is the most important endangered species under threat from climate change and yet we flood our ecology with poison and pollution.”*

*– Rep. John Lewis (1940-2020)*

**If we want to create real, positive change** in our communities, nation and world we must be willing to listen to one another as we share our stories. Our hearts must be opened. We must see ourselves in those whose lives are impacted by environmental injustice and systemic racism. We must be willing to discuss ways we can work to change structures and institutions we have created; that have been killing black, brown, indigenous and poor people for far too long. With hope, let us re-imagine what change can look like now, and for the next generation.



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**Registration Deadline:** Sept. 11

**Suggested Offering:** \$25

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