

Order of Service - June 7, 2020

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now. Romans 8:22

We live in fragile times surrounded by unknowns and doubt,
unanswered questions unclear directions.

How do we see beyond? How do we see beneath? How do we deeply cherish?

**In giving ourselves to the soul's journey. In honouring ourselves as part of the whole.
In taking hold of Great Spirit God's reach. In casting off the agendas and conditions we put
on love. In holding all life sacred. In cherishing the fragile truth of belonging.**

Reflection: The Deep Woods Path

How do we experience Great Spirit God in the natural world?

Walking gently and being quiet. Paying attention to each moment.

Each sound, sight, smell. Everything we touch. Everything we feel. Do not think, just be.

Everything around you is part of you, and you are part of it; there is no separation.

The indescribable, immeasurable, and perpetual Great Spirit God weaves and lives through all. In the deep quiet of the natural world we can begin to experience this.

We can feel the connection, the web we are intertwined with.

In this experience we are moved deep into ourselves and find compassion, empathy, and a profound comprehension that liberates us. It is in this place we can truly begin to cherish.

Cherish ourselves. Cherish our Earth. Cherish each other. Cherish all creatures.

If we do not move with urgency into this direction we continue to unravel and destroy the sacred trust between us and Mother Earth.

In our greed, attachments, lack of awareness, and insecurity we are fracturing further the fragile and mystical relationship we have with our planet and with one another.

Change must be imminent. Transformation a priority.

See everything as brother and sister, everything.

We are here on this planet to transcend into enlightened beings.

To live where there is no separation between us and God and therefore no separation between anything.

It is a place of complete individuality and complete oneness. Unique and whole.

The place of our potential that cries to us to hear the struggle to be liberated and cherished.

Prayers of Creation

Deep breath God, living in the verdant green day and dark coal night,

(pause)

we feel you in our stillness, in the coming quiet of our minds, and in our waiting hearts, seeking your gentle and constant affirmation.

(pause)

How constant you are in abiding with all creation. Every molecule of life is imbued with you. You stretch into the smallest of spaces and expand into the largest.

You cherish your children, all that is life, without hesitation.

(pause)

Can you show us, we who struggle beyond comprehension, to care as deeply for our mother Earth as you do? To understand we are all inseparable.

(pause)

We have become lost in the deep, dark forest of greed, attachment, insecurity, and malice. Often we turn these feelings onto ourselves only to cast their nets on others.

(pause)

Look around you, says Great Spirit God.

Our Earth, this home so thick and intimate, is a gift beyond measure.

(pause)

We breathe, sigh, and become still.

(pause)

We pray, hope, and long to envision with you a creation becoming whole
a creation where humanity finds its true place

a creation we cherish from hearts full and complete with Great Spirit God.

Blessing

There is urgency for compassion.

Can you feel it?

Let it invite you into radical loving.

Let it river your life.

Cherish the sound that beats all life together.

Watch how it transforms you.

Great Spirit God continues to reach.

In both your courage and doubt, reach back.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,

and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off. Isaiah 55:12-13