

Lenten Reflections – 3rd service

Greeting

I am so glad that you are joining us tonight for the 3rd Lenten Reflection. We are joined tonight by Diane Trollope who has written the prayers and a beautiful poem. We are blessed to have such wonderful members who did not hesitate to offer their talents, including Roger and Mallon who without them these services would not happen. Spring is now here and the days are getting longer and the nights shorter. Let us be grateful for where we live and that we are free to worship our Lord and Saviour.

Piano Prelude

Hymn: MV 20 *God of Still Waiting*

Lenten Prayer

**Creator God,
In this time of preparation, waiting, it's almost like Advent.
We wait as you have called us out to be aware
and understand we are Yours.
And to take that on by our own choice.
Thus, we pray for ourselves to stand up and show up
when you call.
While the world wars in so many ways, Your call is to
stand for Peace, healing truth, and love beyond even what we know.
Each time of Lent there are new things that plague humanity.
So this time, let's add more love,
hope and joy in all the places where it is scarce.
As we move closer to the dark Friday, we are sad, yet carry on as
Jesus did. He knew they had no idea what they were really doing,
and he forgave them. For not getting it, not able to get the message of love,
and realize the Kin-dom won't be brought in by violence or hate. Or negative
forces.
It's a new way of being in this world.**

Hymn: VU 702 *When a Poor One*

Poem – Diane Trollope

"The Creator's Day With Us" is a poem opening at waking up to a morning and the day. We all wake up in various ways, times and with our own insights into the day ahead. It goes on to not being alone as God/Creator is always hanging out with us. It's also a plug for camps and for kids to be able to go. It's often a life altering event for the better. For me a pilgrimage out of a polluted city south of us. Breathing fresh often knocked me out for a couple of days. Then boy, look out, I was in gear.

The plug came in naturally as I wrote; the Creator wants kids at camp folks. God's love is pure love, not like us, but the hope is we'd learn to be more like that. At my end I will be in awe to meet that pure Love. Wouldn't you be? God bless this time of Lent and meeting as we live right where we are.

Be safe and actively loving... right where you are.

The Creator's Day With Us

As time goes by each day is new.
Thoughts wake up freshly minted with
a holy aura floating around them.
Then peace gives way distractions,
also of the day.
But hold the line, hold on to the peace within.
Never let it go.
Hard? Yes, it's hard. But remember your
Creator is also holding you. Yes, you.

So keep a string attached, a small line that you
hold one end and your
Creator hangs on to the other.
And be glad for sometimes that life line
keeps us steady as we travel roads unknown.

When the mountain top appears gaze long and take it in.
Hold it dearly in your memory and come back
to it when you need the top view again.
It's often like coming up for air.

Oxygen is so vital to life and health.
Sunshine also and touching mother Earth.
Camp season is coming soon.
Children of every age need to be in
Nature's healing hold.

Grounded in the God created nature
we are all are a part of.
We are part of the ecosystem.

May days ahead envelop us all in Nature's
baths of water and Spirit.
If it can be in your mind only... let's still go there.
For Healing is key to living onward.
No matter what God loves us all with no judgment.

How is that? Well, God is pure Love, that's all.
I am humbly awed that this love will be the
only Love that will meet & welcome me Home as
my life on Earth unfolds its ending. Not afraid
How about you?

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Prayer

This lent we are waiting for and love seems elusive, but we are reminded it's here inside us. It always is and will be. The truth about the wait is we can take a breath during Lent and review what we know and come out the other side stronger, with a more solid stand for love.

Creator while we wait, stand close beside us. Close beside our families, and close beside humanity and Your Creation. Jesus lived to show God's love and peace. Even through hard times. May we be gentle with others and ourselves in the waiting times of life. And know God's love is with us deeply engaged until we see and feel that closeness inside our hearts. Thank you God, Creator, for your never ending love and for staying by us through everything and anything we go through.

Thank you for Jesus who lived your love and instilled in this world Your ways of being more in tune with Your loving spirit. In Jesus name we offer our prayers and lives to You.

Amen and Amen.

~S. Diane Trollope© March

Closing Words

In closing, I would hope that you have had time on a daily basis to set aside time to reflect on life and the connection to God who is always with us and when we take time to listen to close our eyes and we will sense the presence of God who will guide us.

Closing Hymn: VU 703 *In the Bulb There is a Flower*