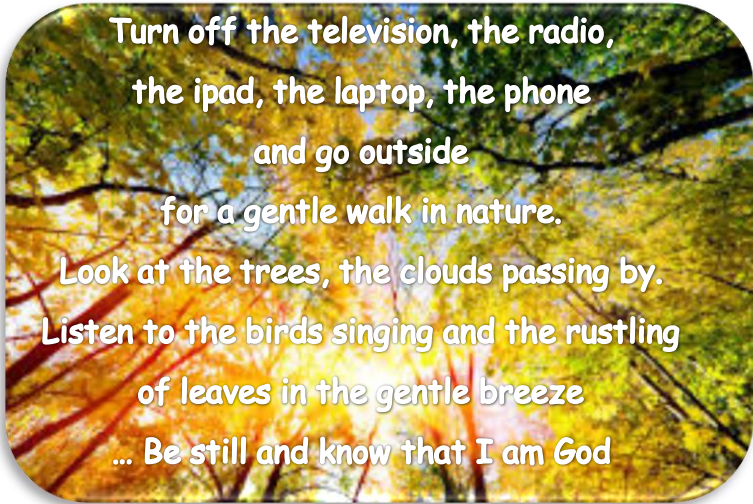


Season of Creation 2018

Walking Together



Turn off the television, the radio,
the ipad, the laptop, the phone
and go outside
for a gentle walk in nature.

Look at the trees, the clouds passing by.
Listen to the birds singing and the rustling
of leaves in the gentle breeze
... Be still and know that I am God

Ponder these words:

Apprehend God in all things, for God is in all things.
Every single creature is full of God and is a book
about God.

Every creature is a word of God.
If I spent enough time with the tiniest creature,
even a caterpillar,
I would never have to prepare a sermon.
So full of God is every creature.

Meister Eckhart (1260-1327)

In Luke 6:1 we read 'Now one Sabbath, he happened to be taking a walk through the cornfields...
And throughout the gospels there are numerous nature references - seed and sower, vines and vineyards, lake and lakeside, fields and pathways, sheep and goats, fig trees, flowers, water, wine, sunshine and clouds, pearls, salt, light, birds and fish ... to name but some.

So, this Season of Creation 2018 we give ourselves permission to spend time in God's creation ...
Let us slow down and take the time to consider the beauty and majesty of God, and in doing so allow our souls to be moved to worship our Creator and stand in awe at His creation.

As you step out...

Breathe the fresh air deeply.
Become aware of it as the sustainer of life
day and night,
and of the God whose love holds us in existence
and continually creates us!

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord!

Psalm 34:8

Beginning the Journey

You have made known to me the path of life; you will
fill me with joy in your presence

Psalm 16:11

See! (the Sky)

I look up at your heavens, made by Your fingers ...
Ah, what is woman (man) that You should spare a
thought for her (him)?

Psalm 8:3,4

Touch! Strength (Rock)

In God alone there is rest for my soul,
from Him comes my safety;
with Him alone for my rock, my safety,
my fortress, I can never fall.

Psalm 62:1-2

Taste! Refreshment (Water)

To the waters of repose He leads me;
there He revives my soul.

Psalm 23:2

As a deer longs for running streams,
So longs my soul for You, my God...
Deep is calling to deep ...

Psalm 42: 1, 7

Listen! (Birds)

On the banks of the streams the birds of the air
build their nests;
among the branches they sing.

Psalm 104:12

Ask... the birds of the heavens, and they will tell you;
... God holds in His power the soul of every living
thing,
and the breath of each person's body.

Job 12:7, 10

Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor
reap nor gather into barns,
and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you
not of more value than they?

Matthew 6:26

Smell! (Grass, Flowers)

Consider the flowers, how they grow: they neither
toil nor spin;
but I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory
clothed himself like one of these.

Luke 12:27

He will endure, age after age,
welcome as rain that falls on the grass
and showers to thirsty soil.

Psalm 72:5-6

Tree

Out of the ground the LORD God caused to grow
every tree
that is pleasing to the sight and good for food;
the tree of life also in the midst of the garden,
and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2:9

Then Abram moved his tent and came and dwelt by
the oaks of Mamre,
which are in Hebron, and there he built an altar to
the LORD.

Genesis 13:18

He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of
water,
which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does
not wither ..

Psalm 1:3

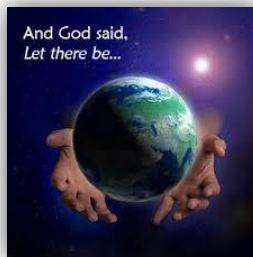
Closing Reflection:

The heavens declare the glory of God
and the firmament proclaims His handiwork;
day unto day takes up the story
and night unto night proclaims the message.

No utterance at all, no speech,
no spoken word that anyone can hear;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth
and their communication to the ends of the world.

Psalm 19:1-4

In the beginning *God* spoke a word...
and it was made!



What has *God* communicated to you today through his
word and through creation?

Action

Community: Reuse

In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis brings attention to our "throwaway culture," which "quickly reduces things to rubbish" (no. 22). In your daily life, try to identify the ways in which you can choose reusable goods, rather than disposables, such as coffee mugs, reusable bags, or cloth napkins, *and commit to making one change during this month.*



Unit : Divestment:

Christian communities from around the world are making the decision to divest their portfolios from coal, oil and gas companies.

Commit to taking a step closer to making this a reality.

For more information about divestment

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