

May 13, 2014

Grace and Peace to you in Jesus' name,

I am so happy to feel the sun and see the birds and flowers this week. What a bounty Nature offers us. It seems particularly timely as on Sunday we have a special liturgy focused on our stewardship of creation.

The liturgy is a modification of one written by a Vancouver colleague Rev. Bruce Sanguin. He's the author of several books that address Ecological Christianity.

He has based the liturgy on four ancient pathways to the heart: ***Via Positiva*, the “Positive Way” of befriending Creation, second:** the *Via Negativa*, the “Negative Way” of befriending darkness, letting go and letting be. Path number three is the *Via Creativa*, the “Creative Way” of befriending creativity and befriending our divinity. The final path is the *Via Transformativa*, the “transformative way” of befriending New Creation, compassion, celebration, and justice.



I need some input from you for the service. Will you share with me by e-mail some of the laments you hold about what we have done to the earth; places where you sense that Creation groans? Where has our stewardship disintegrated into selfishness and greed? What is this behaviour costing our Earth? I want to use these concerns and laments to fashion a prayer of lament for our corporate worship. You

and phone me or e-mail me with your thoughts and ideas. I'd be most grateful.

We will have several displays in the gym for your viewing in coffee hour. Ideas welcome here too. I think of all the potential partnerships with other groups who share our values for the well-being of the earth, we might develop. In this area of social concern, we are not alone.

The Worship Committee met today to look ahead till July. Wow! Is Wilmot ever a place where lots of exciting parts of life make it to our worship time on Sunday mornings! It was wonderful to have Committee member Nancy Bauer back with us today too! Well done Nancy!

As you may know we are also surrounded with a lot of beautiful music at Wilmot. On Thursday we have the Fredericton male Chorus performing in the sanctuary. In June, two other concerts, one a fund raiser for the Mission & Service Fund of the United Church of Canada and the other a baroque music festival.

Touch the earth lightly, we are all interconnected.
Sending you blessings this day and every day,
Rose~Hannah