

# SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

## *Sustainability in Community*

*May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

Geese appear high over us,  
pass, and the sky closes. Abandon,  
as in love or sleep, holds  
them to their way, clear in the ancient faith: what we need is here.  
And we pray, not  
for new earth or heaven, but to be  
quiet in heart, and in eye,  
clear. What we need is here. ~ Wendell Berry

### GATHERING

**Welcome**

**Centering music**

**Call to Worship** *Each one of us is a part* **VT 856**

**Hymn** *At the Dawn of Your Creation* **VT 179**

### LISTENING FOR THE WORD

**Scripture** Colossians 3: 12-16

**Hymn** *Called by Earth and Sky* **VT 806**

**A Time for All God's Children**

**Offering**

**The Poet's Word** *To Be of Use* by Marge Piercy

**Many Parts; One Community** Suzanne, Lloyd, Jolene

**Hymn** *Touch the Earth Lightly* **VT 145**

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**Sharing our lives and our prayers**

**Praying in the Way of Jesus**

### THE WORD IN THE WORLD

**Hymn** *The Peace of the Earth Be with You* **VT 838**

*The life of the earth be with you, the life of the heavens too.*

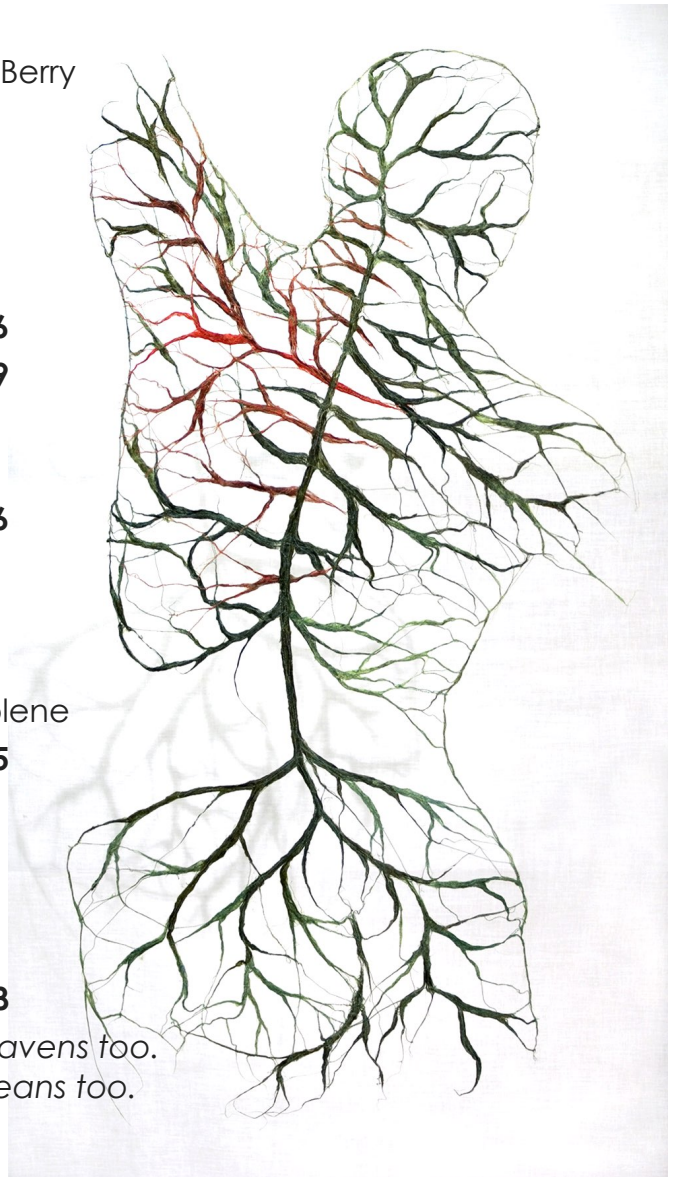
*The life of the rivers be with you, the life of the oceans too.*

*Deep peace, falling over all.*

*God's peace, growing in us.*

**Benediction**

Raija Jokinen (Finnish) 2018 Fibre Sculpture



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*Southside Fellowship is an inclusive Anabaptist/Mennonite congregation that understands faith as a journey. At the core of our community is the boundless love of God, the justice-centered life of Jesus, and the mystery of the Spirit. We welcome all people to join us, including those who have been excluded elsewhere because of gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, ability, economic status, marital status, age, or religious uncertainty.*