

SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

Sustainability ~ Nourish

July 16th, 2023

Maybe we can learn a lesson or two from the microbes and the ecological relationships they support. These tiny beings have been doing their thing since life on Earth began, shaping the conditions necessary for plants and all the organisms that depend on plants for survival. They will be here when we are long gone. ~ Jane Zelikova

GATHERING

Welcome

Centering music

Call to Worship ~ from the Corrymeela Community

Leader: We begin this day together,
All: honoring this life, with all its potential and possibilities.
Leader: We begin this day with trust.
All: knowing we are created for loving encounter.
Leader: We begin our day with hope,
All: knowing the day can hold love, kindness, forgiveness and justice.

Short silence

Leader: We welcome the people who will be part of this day with us.
All: We greet God in ordinary and hidden moments. We are nourished by God's love made known in creation and through one another. Amen.

Hymn *Touch the Earth Lightly* VT 145

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

The Poet's Word *Ode to Dirt* by Sharon Olds

A Time for All God's Children

Hymn

Scripture Sirach 16:24-30, 17:1-4, 18:1-13, 16

Sermon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Poem of Response

Offering

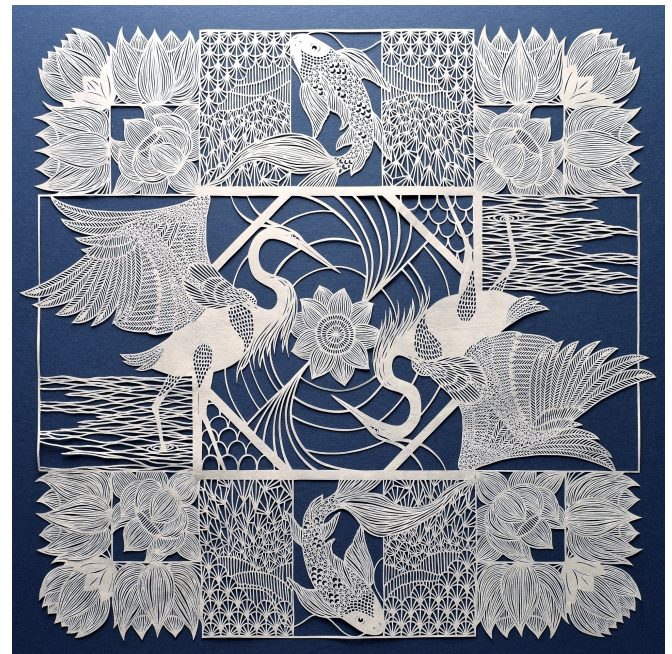
Sharing our lives and our prayers

Praying in the Way of Jesus

THE WORD IN THE WORLD

Hymn

Benediction



Pippa Dyrлага, **River**, hand-cut washi paper

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