

BLESSINGS ALWAYS

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Association Minister Message

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CARE. Please read Psalm 8. This Psalm is one of many creation stories found in the Bible, each one expressing different faith perspective of the mysterious manner of creation. All of the stories remind us that God is the Creator of all life and things, of our world and the worlds of infinite universes. The psalmist writes, “*You have made them (humans) only slightly less than divine, crowning them with glory and grandeur.*” (vs. 5). And to think, as the psalmist ponders, “*that you (God) CARE for them*” (NRSV) or “*pays attention to them*” (CEB). Think about how finite we are in all the creations of God and that God knows and CARES for each one of us and is willing to share the creative process with us. Think also about how God blesses human beings with the gift of creation for our enjoyment.

How do we respond or reflect the call from God to *CARE* for one another and the environment? The news lately has been so disturbing. It reminds us that life is so fragile and precarious. There are so many instances of disregard for the well-being of persons and the environment. The Psalmist declares that God gives us “*dominion/rule*” over God’s handiwork; this implies *CARE*, stewardship and responsibility, not power/ownership over God’s handiwork. Climate change, deforestation, pollution, wars, and violence are human evils that destroy God’s handiwork. When we think it is all ours for our satisfaction, it takes for granted the preciousness of the relationships that we should have for reverence to and for God’s handiwork. When we respect and *CARE* for God’s gifts to us, they are received as blessings and a sacred trust. “*Those who plant trees love others besides themselves*” (Arbor Day Foundation).

Sunday is Trinity Sunday, God being known and present in different descriptions, but united in one. If we contemplate our relationship to God, God is known to us by many names—more than just the traditional Trinity. More than Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of life (traditional Father, Son and Holy Spirit); God is comfort, strength, lover, friend, parent, rescuer, ever-present, Still-speaking, challenger, *CARE*-giver, forgiver, and so much more. God, “*how majestic is your name in all the earth!*” (vs. 9). We are the beloved of God, *CARED* and loved by God forever. *BLESSINGS ALWAYS*.