


"He makes me lie down in green pastures
He leads me beside still waters
He restores my soul"

Speaking of restoration: Bev and I have enjoy walking through Kirkland neighborhoods and parks. We've seen  the restoration work being done at Juanita Bay and Cotton Hill Parks by Earth Corps youth and by community volunteers that includes the spreading wood chips, bucket by bucket, wheelbarrow load by wheelbarrow load.

And where do these woodchips come from? Mostly from local tree service private contractors who not too long ago had to dispose of them, unused, as waste for landfills. A remarkable example of recycling---benefiting the public good.

As Earthkeepers let us lead the way in restoring critical parts of our natural world.

Eric Elnes, the writer and editor of the Phoenix Affirmations, says that "environmental stewardship is a basic part of walking the Path of Jesus. During the last century, humans have consumed more of the world's resources than in all of history before that since the dawn of civilization (and the creation?)"

Faith based environmental activism is motivated by a love for God, not just love of the environment. They are part of a seamless whole.

Pray with me with words from the Phoenix Affirmations:

"We affirm that the Path of Jesus is found where Christ's followers act as caring stewards of the earth, and where the presence of the living Christ is celebrated wherever Christ's spirit manifests itself.

We confess that we have stepped away from this Path when we have ignored our role as stewards of the earth, or have interpreted Scripture in such a way that fails to account for the sacredness of the earth and of its Ecosystems.
Amen.