

Recently someone wrote that as Christians, we should seek to act as righteous stewards of the Earth and its Ecosystems. We should celebrate the reflections of the Creator's glory in both the sacred and secular, human and non-human, Christian and non-Christian.

In one of her poems the Chilean humanitarian, Gabriella Mistral, described nature as: "that most wonderful dream of God".....

As Earthkeepers, let us do some dreaming about preserving God's creation.

and with Isaiah we should: " go out in joy and be led forth in peace,  
the mountains and the hills will burst into song before you  
and all the trees of the fields will clap their hands"

As Earthkeepers, let us be led forth in peace and joy in conserving the trees of the field.

Here we are at the beginning of another spring. We celebrate Earth Day in another few weeks. Time to walk in the parks and on forest trails, to set out flowers on our doorstep, and, if we are able, to plant and tend a garden.

Thoreau wrote: "I went to the woods to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived."

As Earthkeepers let us discover from nature what it means to be alive.

I'm not sure he would include gardening in "fronting the essential facts of life" but I do know that there are many lessons to be learned, and re-learned, tending a lawn and garden.

As Earthkeepers let us sow seeds of environmental awareness across the community.

A couple of months ago a message from the Earthkeepers in the "Good News" mentioned that despite the feelings that progress toward saving God's creation is frustratingly slow there are good things happening. Whenever I see bald eagles perching in the tall trees above Heritage Park or Juanita Bay Park--- something that we could not have imagined thirty years ago---I feel a "peace of wild things" as expressed by the poem by Wendell Berry in the bulletin today. I am guessing he took his inspiration for the poem from the 123<sup>rd</sup> Psalm: