

Dear Friends,

What a blessed couple of worship services over the last two Sundays. Not that our regular worship services are lacking in any way and ours are pretty solid on any given Sunday. However, worshipping with the Spirit of the Wilderness both here and up at Maple Hill brought us some special blessings that I hope will take seed and grow in our community and strengthen the bonds of all churches in our county and in our world.

As the Psalmist says, "It is good when kindred spirits live (worship) together." As a church that holds no doctrinal views that impede us from reaching out to another church or body of faith, we often just stay in our lane/church/sanctuary and allow others to do the same. There were times in most small towns, such as this one, when we would get together for Good Friday service or the baccalaureate for our high school graduates, as well as other times. Since the split of the mainline protestants from the evangelicals in the 1990's, it's hard for even the 'mainline' churches to get together as we have retreated into our corners seeing each other's differences rather than what we have in common.

Concern for our planet and all life, not just human life, is helping us come together again. Organizations like Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light, help us to bridge our differences to become siblings once more to work on a common goal. I hope we can continue to find ways to work with our siblings of faith in the weeks and years to come, and those who claim no faith, but still want to help, heal, and be a part of the community.

Peace  
Pastor Enno