Earth Day
April 22, 2016

Nature calls us to recognize God’s presence. It is an invitation to live in balance with the land around us. Nature has a way of asking us to take time from our daily commitments. It has an awesome power to renew us and offer us lessons about how we live in relationship with one another and all of God’s created world. Let us remember to care for our earth, as we care for each other.

Earth teach me stillness, as the grasses are stilled with light.
Earth teach me caring, as the mother who secures her young.
Earth teach me courage, as the tree which stands all alone.
Earth teach me regeneration, as the seed that rises in the spring.
Earth teach me to remember kindness, as dry fields weep with rain.
Earth lead us to find lasting peace.

For your reflection:

Take a moment to reflect on the state of your heart as you pause to thank our earth for its many blessings.

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“A thing of beauty, is a joy forever.”
—John Keats