Our Sr. Gabriel Uhlein lives and ministers at the Christine Center, in Willard Wisconsin, where she serves as the Artist in Residence and Partner in Mission. Sr. Gabe was anxious to get her garden planted this year at Kara Woods. She had not had time to attend a garden in the last few years and gardening is one of her great loves. Indeed, it is another pallet for her artistic expression. She lovingly planned and planted watching with great joy and anticipation as flowers bloomed. To her great dismay, the beautiful colors and fragrant flowers were tasty treats for deer. Over one night the garden was plowed down by deer. Sr. Gabe was not to be deterred. If it meant fencing everything in, she would do it! Another night, the deer got through the fences and ate again, with glee. Sr. Gabe reinforced the fencing! Finally, nature celebrated her tenacity by springing forth new life yet again. “It is a great sign of resilience,” Sr. Gabe said, when she sent these pictures. Thank you, Sr. Gabe for sharing your garden with us.
The Beauty of Nature

O God, we thank you for this earth, our home;
   For the wide sky and the blessed sun,
   For the salt sea and the running water,
       For the everlasting hills
   And the never-resting winds,
For trees and the common grass underfoot.
   We thank you for our senses
By which we hear the songs of birds,
And see the splendor of the summer fields,
   And taste of the autumn fruits,
And rejoice in the feel of the snow,
   And smell the breath of the spring.
Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty;
   And save our souls from being so blind
       That we pass unseeing
When even the common thorn bush
Is aflame with your glory,
   O God our creator,
Who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Walter Rauschenbusch

“\textit{I go to nature to be soothed and healed, and to have my senses put in order.}”
\textbf{John Burroughs}

During this Season of Creation, during these troubling times, how are you connecting to God’s creation? What soothes and heals your soul, and puts your senses in order? We would love to hear from you!

\textit{Happy Season of Creation!}