

The Lakeside



Message in a bottle

Verse of the day for Monday April 22, 2024 - Matthew 6: 28-29

28 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field
grow. They do not labor or spin.
29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one
of these.

Read Matthew 6 for meditation and inspiration.



PRESBYTERIANS CARING FOR CREATION

Dear Lakesiders and friends,

For the last 20 years, Presbyterians Caring for Creation has been the larger banner over several efforts to be responsible for God's gift of the "Good Creation" reminding each of us that it is our responsibility to protect our earth. One of those organizations, working under that broad title is (PRC) or Presbyterians for Restoring Creation. PRC has grown into a nationwide network working to encourage all people to be good citizen-stewards of the earth.

Theologian G.K. Chesterton asks us to consider how God might have created daisies. Did He create them all at once with one swoop of His mighty hand? Or did He create them one-by-one, expressing childlike delight in each new flower? "In the beginning," Chesterton suggests, "God may have created one daisy, and something within Him spontaneously whispered, 'Do it again!'" and so daisy number two came into being. And once again God said, "Do it again!" And there was a third, and then

a fourth, and then a fifth daisy. And so, He went on creating daisies. After a hundred billion trillion daisies, the great Almighty Creator who spun the galaxies into space and created all the animals, that same God is still creating daisies, and with childlike glee, still saying, "Do it again!"

Mother Teresa was once asked how she was able to accomplish so much good work for the poor. "One by One," she replied. Have you ever noticed how from seemingly insignificant beginnings, movements can grow to a point of awe and wonder? That one by one, small steps can amount to spectacular outcomes?

Presbyterians Caring for Creation asks us to take baby steps, one-by-one, as together we can make a difference in our efforts to Restore Creation as faithful and responsible followers of Jesus.

In God's Goodness and Grace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roger".

Roger

