

LOVE. EARTH. JUSTICE
A Multifaith Service of Prayer, Celebration and Resolve
Sunday, October 3, 2021
Invoking the Spirit - Nancy S. Taylor

Welcome ... welcome ... welcome ... welcome to this house of prayer for many nations and peoples. Welcome stewards ... welcome to you who are caretakers, you defenders and protectors of God's beautiful and fragile earth.

It smells good in here. I know why! You have brought the outside in! Welcome to this sanctuary where we, too, have brought the outside in: where we are surrounded by images of nature: carved into stone and wood and shaped in glass are God's creatures: furry, feathered, scaly, hoofed ... and all manner trees, leaves, vines, nuts, berries and flowers... flowers galore. The Friezes on the façades of the two side galleries, feature 38 different biblical flowers ... each flower precious in the sight of God. Can I get an Amen?

Which is to say that we are surrounded by the things that God has made. We are surrounded by the things that God loves and mothered into existence.

May the Spirit of the Creator God be with us this afternoon as we join our voices, our hearts, our minds, our very selves in a service of prayer, of celebration and resolve for the Earth ... for this precious globe turning in space
... for this habitat in all its vast array

Welcome, you fierce and formidable guardians. Let us begin.