

Weekly Meditation by Rev. Teri Lubbers
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All The Pathways

O God you have come searching for me. You know me inside and out. You know where I rise up and where I fall. Before I think them my thoughts are already clear to you. The track of my journey you discern ahead of me. All the pathways my life shall take are known to you. Indeed before I speak them the meaning of every word is understood by you. I am encircled by your presence, embraced by your hands. These things I can hardly grasp, O my God... ~ from Psalm 139, translated by Lynn C. Bauman

This portion of the Psalms is one of my very favorites...but I suppose it could be read in a number of ways. There was a time when I read it as saying that everything that happened was predestined and ordained by God. I was just along for the ride, but didn't have much of a role to play; the script was already written and ad-libbing wasn't encouraged. Today I read it as saying that all of who I am is known by God, and that I am surrounded by God's presence and that God never lets go of me.

Now I choose to believe that we are co-creators with God. Life doesn't just happen to us, nor is it already written in stone. Rather it is being created moment-by-moment, step-by-step, by you and me and God. I love that the psalmist speaks of "pathways" because I believe our lives potentially hold many possible paths. Each of which await some decision of ours to bring it into being.

We don't need to worry too much about choosing the wrong path. We can't really get lost because God will always come searching for us, encircling us, embracing us, always helping us discern the path ahead. Mostly we just need to start walking...

Prayer: Beloved, your care of me is beyond my comprehension, it takes my breath away, and I am so grateful for it. Give me wisdom to discern and decide which path to take, where we might create today. Amen.