

Weekly Meditation by Rev. Teri Lubbers
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Creating God

You create yourself in ever-changing shapes that rise from the stuff of our days – unsung, unmourned, undescribed, like a forest we never knew. You are the deep innerness of all things, the last word that can never be spoken. To each of us you reveal yourself differently: to the ship as coastline, to the shore as a ship. ~ Rilke, “Book of Hours”

It occurs to me that sometimes what we agonize over, this searching for God, this feeling like we are sometimes lost, or this uncertainty as to which way to go, is more about the ideas we have about God than the reality of the Divine. There is no place where God is not. Under every rock, within every tree, on the breeze, in my head, in my heart.

It is not easy being human. We are this peculiar alchemy of spirit and clay, always living in the tension between the two, often wishing we could find resolution and be either one or the other. The key I think is making peace with the seeming ambiguity of that tension. That both/and-ness is the deep truth of our lives. God is the deep innerness of all things, including us. The tension reminds us of the never-ending energy of creation.

God is constantly being created in the “ever-changing shapes that rise from the stuff of our days.” Rather than being a nuisance or a distraction or a detour, the “stuff” of our lives is where God shows up in the world. And the uniqueness of each of us means that God gets to show up uniquely every time, revealing God-Self differently in each of our hearts. Trust that special revelation within yourself...don't let anyone talk you out of it...

Prayer: Beloved, clear away a space in me...that I might find you here at the heart of all things. Your love is more than I can speak, your presence more than I can contain. Help me make peace with the constantly changing landscape of my life, knowing you are here deeply and always. Amen.