

## Weekly Meditation by Rev. Teri Lubbers

### Being Awake

***Jesus Emmanuel has already come. It is not a matter now of Christ's being where we are; it is a matter of our being in the consciousness of where Christ is in life and where He is not as well. Where is Christ for you? ~ Joan D. Chittister, OSB***

Sometimes we know where Jesus is, but we come up with lots of reasons for not finding him. The kind of journey the magi made seems out of the question for us - too far, too much time, too expensive. The kind of journey the shepherds made from their field to the manger seems improbable to us - when was the last time you went somewhere because of what an angel told you? But both of these journeys are nothing compared to the journey we are continually on...a journey to wonder.

"Where is Christ for you?" asks Joan Chittister. Where are you conscious of the spirit of Christ in your life? My guess is that those moments - fleeting as they may be - in which you experience wonder or awe can serve as guides. Those moments in which you suddenly feel more alive, more energized, more smitten with awe, more grounded, or more sure of something you can't quite put your finger on - are clues, like which star to follow in the night sky. The magi could have stayed home...the shepherds could have rolled over and fallen back asleep...but they didn't.

We are surrounded by wonder. Jesus Emmanuel continues to show up in unlikely and unexpected places, unguarded and vulnerable places. May we have eyes to see...and see the world as God sees it.

**Prayer: God, expand us. Expand our vision, our understanding, our being and our wakefulness. Amen.**