

Fellowship and Prayer

Devotion for May 2017

Hymn: VU 409 Morning Has Broken

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

Reflection:

May is usually the month to recharge, a month for renewal, and to regenerate as it falls on the heels of Easter. And so, for us in AOTS, all those things are equally true as we just held our spring Roundup. Over thirty of us from as far as YT, BC, Newfoundland, Alberta and mostly Ontario, became reacquainted, shared our thoughts, enjoyed meals and music together and explored our faith. For me it is always a renewal time. A time to reassess beliefs, discover once again what is important in life and appreciate what friendship really means. A time to relive, "Christ is Risen".

Discussion;

What does Easter mean to you? Is it just kids and painted eggs delivered by a make believe rabbit? Is it donning the suit that is now far too tight, trying to get that darn tie tied around a shirt collar that was made for last year's neck size? Do you make the required pilgrimage to church only to have someone greet you with, "wow, great to have you: guess we will see you again at Christmas"! Or, like our Roundup is it just a bit more than that. As the grass turns green, buds appear on the trees, birds signing wakes us each morning, and crocus and scillas appear on our lawns, May is not really a bad month, dandelions and all, to contemplate renewal and resurrection.

Scripture: Song's of Solomon 2: 1-12

Hymn VU 226 For the Beauty of the Earth

Prayer:

Lord, pretty sure you know how lax we can be; how forgetful; how ignorant of true renewal and resurrection, so we are thankful for May. It reminds us of many things and in particular as flowers miraculously spring from the frozen ground we are reminded of Jesus emerging from the empty tomb. Yes Lord, May is a pretty good month. Thank you, amen