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Nature Is God's Teacher

Ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made.

Romans 1:20

In many ways the natural world is a window onto God, teaching us things about who and how God is. Jesus suggested that we should “look at the birds of the air” and “consider the lilies of the field” if we wanted to know and trust God’s care for creation (Matthew 6:28-33). The birds don’t work and yet God provides food for them; the lilies don’t do anything but wave in the summer breezes and yet God clothes them with astounding beauty. It is the way God made the world and it tells us much about God.

In Psalm 104, the writer praises God for the way he cares for creation. “You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.”

Wine, oil and bread are metaphors for everything that makes life worth living and there is enough for everyone, if everyone would just be content with enough.

*Continually creating God, we know that the world is always being made new with the things we need for a good life.
Help us to see that and to share what we don't need
with those who are still in need. Amen.*

- Pastor Hank French