

'There We are in the World Together'

Reflection for Week of June 8, 2020

As we stand on the uncertain ground of these times -- globally and nationally -- we pause to recall that the world we share is all of ours.

Suggested Music: [By Breath – Sara Thomsen \(click here\)](#)

We Are of a Tribe

We plant seeds in the ground
And dreams in the sky,

Hoping that, someday, the roots of one
Will meet the upstretched limbs of the other.

It has not happened yet.
We share the sky, all of us, the whole world:

Together, we are a tribe of eyes that look upward,
Even as we stand on uncertain ground.

The earth beneath us moves, quiet and wild,
Its boundaries shifting, its muscles wavering.

The dream of sky is indifferent to all this,
Impervious to borders, fences, reservations.

The sky is our common home, the place we all live.
There we are in the world together.

The dream of sky requires no passport.
Blue will not be fenced. Blue will not be a crime.

Look up. Stay awhile. Let your breathing slow.
Know that you always have a home here.

-- Alberto Ríos, from *Poetry of Presence:
An Anthology of Mindfulness Poems*



*I*t makes no difference whether you are a Jew or a Greek, a slave or a free person, a man or a woman, because in Jesus the Anointed, the Liberating King, you are all one. -- Galatians 3:28 (Source: The Voice)

For Your Reflection:

Our call in these times includes working to see the deeper invitation that the pandemic is providing. How might we be conscious of the transformation occurring within ourselves, our communities, the nation, and the global community as we live through this time?



How is it for you to realize that the dreams we hold for the world are still far from being realized?

What might you do in your own life to work toward the dream of a world or at least a nation where everyone is safe and is at home?

Concluding Prayer

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Amen.
-- Ephesians 3:20