

Global Healing Response Quarterly

2015 Theme: Restoration

“All the beauty that's been lost before wants to find us again” — U2

July-August-September



Focus: Release

Quote: “I don’t try to control a sunset. I watch with awe as it unfolds.” —Carl R. Rogers

Picture/Symbol: Sunset (Photo by The Rev. Warren Lynn)

Color: Orange

Prayer/Meditation:

In this time, we give thanks that all around us the fullness of summer is expressed with abundance. And yet, we should know, such richness is only manifest through selfless surrender to potential and possibility. The tree does not say, “I will not bear fruit.” Waving fields of wheat, corn, beans do not fail to relinquish themselves to a harvest unimaginably greater than their original sacrifice. NO. All is given up. Every last bit of energy exhausted; exactly for this season of overflowing treasure.

So may we, too, offer the world our delicious fruit of generous release. For the sake of so much more, let us offer to the world what we have been given. By our surrender, let us celebrate a means to sate the hunger of countless souls. In letting go the seeds of self, may our gifts find redemption through a harvest of miraculous grace. Even as the harvest-time world around us gives itself, utterly, completely, for the life of the other, let us, too, send forth an abundant harvest of wisdom, care, and nurture – made possible only after we have let go of our own self-minded intent, bequeathing our futures for the sake of the wider world.

May it be so. —The Rev. Warren Lynn

Ideas for benefiting organization: Local food banks and Global Relief Organizations

Ideas for ambiance: Leaves, acorns, pine cones, harvested items

Music: “The Healing Journey”, Tami Briggs