

Here at Christ in the Wilderness

Here at CITW – from how many and how much are we thusly spared, we who hear and answer this call to a larger solitude?

A wise one once said: *The one journey that ultimately matters is deep into the stillness where we are at home with the life and Spirit of God - united with all – and beyond what perplexes us.*

Here at CITW, while listening to nature, and watching – we discover a protecting hospitality abides for our deepest selves.

Here - we can recover – recover a sense of direction and a growing awareness that each of us has a contribution – a significant contribution to make within the plan of God's love.

Here – we regain touch with inner stillness; we are invited to embrace the reality of our total selves – all of it – and thereby receive the grace to experience wholeness.

Here – in *this place*, we come home to our Creator and all things created.

Here – from bird-song days to cricket nights, we come home to all things created: the night/day sky above – the earth beneath our feet - all seasons.

From Here – from this communion –
from our separate

Rest,

Reflection,

Restoration,

May we become channels,

Bestow blessing,

Provide rest,

Invite reflection,

Encourage restoration

For others

Wherever we are sent.

Amen.

At Prayer with the Board of Christ in the Wilderness, 6/04/05

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