

CONNECTEDNESS DEVOTION
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“...for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.”

Galatians 3:26-29

As the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King stated “We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.”

When God first created the world – plants, animals, sea creatures, birds, fish, and humankind, he bound us together in a web of life. Even when he sent the great flood, he instructed Noah to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, so that all would be kept alive. Jesus came as the Savior for all people, Jew and Gentile, saint and sinner. In the Great Commission, Jesus said “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...” We affirm our connectedness at the Lord’s Table when we declare that all are welcome.

God of all Creation, we marvel at the diversity of all you created. Give us the wisdom to understand that all of your creation is intertwined. In an ever increasingly chaotic world, keep us always mindful that we are connected to you, to each other, and to all that you have created. Give us the insight and courage to love and care for our neighbors and all living creatures that you breathed life into and called good.

Amen