

“Sunday Words” for August 22, 2021

Good rainy Sunday morning from a hill in Rockport!

Just a brief “Sunday Words” this morning to remind all that I’ll not be in the pulpit this morning, but Rev. Dick Hanks will be. Many thanks, Dick, for leading worship and preaching while I take a morning to catch my breath....

These words of Edna St. Vincent Millay came across my laptop screen this morning.... They somehow seem appropriate for today and as a commentary on all that faces us now – tragedies abounding everywhere here and abroad, within and without.... Without the poet’s passion and precision with her words, where would we be in our march through these days?

“The world stands out on either side  
No wider than the heart is wide;  
Above the world is stretched the sky, --  
No higher than the soul is high.  
The heart can push the sea and land  
Farther away on either hand;  
The soul can split the sky in two,  
And let the face of God shine through.  
But East and West will pinch the heart  
That can not keep them pushed apart;  
And he whose soul is flat –  
The sky Will cave in on him by and by.”  
~ Edna St. Vincent Millay

Think about those words today.... ponder them..... meditate upon them.... pray them....

Prayers for each one in Afghanistan; in Tennessee this morning where flood waters have raged overnight and taken the lives of too many; in Florida and Texas and other states where too many are suffering through and dying from the ravages of the covid virus... and for those among us locally who are suffering, recovering and moving on as best they can each day.... especially Kristin and Frances, both recovering from surgery, and Tiffany, Lucy’s granddaughter, facing surgery this coming week...

Blessings to each one this rainy day.... Susan

Ps: Thanks so much to each of you who have taken the time to respond to my recent posts! Your willingness to share your thoughts is rich and a blessing to me.... and

whether I've been able to respond promptly or not, please know I read them all and give thanks that you are a part of our "cyberspace congregation".....