

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today is May 1 or May Day. While this is a secular holiday, this day reminds me of being a child and making May baskets. We would take a piece of construction paper and use our crayons to write "Happy May Day" and other special greetings and notes. Then, we would shape the construction paper into a cone, cut off the part at the top that was extra, staple it, make a paper handle, and fill it with daffodils, pansies, and other flowers that we had in our yard. Then, we would run over to a neighbor's house, put it on the doornob, ring the doorbell, and run back home. When they opened the door, we knew that would enjoy our surprise gift!

The flowers that bloom in spring may also remind you of the "Time After Easter." This is a time of resurrection joy! This is a time when we think of God's creation. How might we share the natural beauty of the earth with others?

Last Wednesday, Barb Bever was in the backyard of the parsonage getting the flowerbeds cleaned up and ready to go. I commented to her (from a distance), that when the flowers do come in, I would like to invite members and friends of St Paul's, to stop by the parsonage with their cutting tools, and take a few of the beautiful flowers home! Perhaps you might like to do this while you are on a walk in Wilton. A former pastor, his/her spouse, or someone else, planted some beautiful annuals, so we can enjoy them every year. At this time of Safer-At-Home, it is nice to think that we can still enjoy them and share them with each another. I will let you know when they make their appearance! In the meantime, enjoy this beautiful day that God created.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Cathy