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Despite today's bitter New England cold, I am grateful for the reminder and hope of spring's warmth when I see the ever-brightening hue of green grass in the fields. I am grateful for the beauty of new life in the forsythia's green buds outside our kitchen window. I am grateful for the petrichor after today's fierce rain. I am grateful for these moments of change, life's rhythm, leading us into spring. The change of seasons is one of nature's many stories. Evolution is the story of our planet and the cosmos. Evolution is the physical reality of our universe and integral to our understanding of God. Paleontologist and French Jesuit priest, Teilhard de Chardin, SJ devoted his life's work to creating a cosmic theology that represents a unified expression of God's revelation as the fullness of love, which dwells at the heart of all creation. Today as we celebrate Earth Day, we must answer Teilhard's urgent call to participate in the magnificent dance of creation and save the planet before it is too late. Let us embrace God's call to be shepherds of one another, who "tend the flock of God that is in your charge," (Peter, 5:2) and be stewards of our home, the earth- "The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it," (Psalm 24:1).

Driven by the forces of love, the fragments of the world seek each other so that the world may come to being.

-Pierre Teilhard de

Chardin

Happy Earth Day!

With Love,

Tracy