



# PEACEMAKERS

Prophets, Painters & Poets

## The most beautiful thing I ever saw

The northern lights, the rocky mountains, a baby's birth, a courageous act, but also a gentle goodbye, a peaceful death, an act of forgiveness, a freed prisoner, a faithful voice of dissent.

How do we name the beauty that is both expected and unexpected?

# BIBLE READING

## Psalm 8:1-4

O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses, what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?

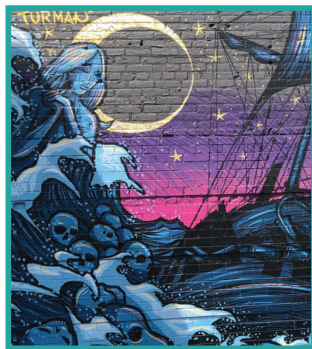
## POETRY

**Stars** by Sara Teasdale

Alone in the night  
On a dark hill  
With pines around me  
Spicy and still,

And a heaven full of stars  
Over my head,  
White and topaz  
And misty red;

Myriads with beating  
Hearts of fire  
That aeons  
Cannot vex or tire;



Up the dome of heaven  
Like a great hill,  
I watch them marching  
Stately and still,  
And I know that I  
Am honored to be  
Witness  
Of so much majesty.



# A MESSAGE from PASTOR SARA

Have you ever had the ability to see something as beautiful, that others saw as ugly, difficult, or scary? Consider this prayer for the opossum. Are opossums ugly or beautiful?



## Prayer for Opossums, You Poor Ugly Disdained Perfect Creatures

by Brian Doyle

Ah, we say they are ugly, and they look like insane cats on major psychotropic drugs, but (a) other possums don't think they are ugly, and (b) the Lord of All Things set them in motion, so, you know, who are we to get snotty about appearance? Also can you imagine what they think of our appearance, our ludicrously brief tails and teeth as dense as fences? Maybe all beings are beautiful and we would be wise to admit this. Maybe all things that live are beautiful beyond understanding, even the New York Yankees. Maybe life is the very definition of beauty and all this attention on the exterior is shallow and stupid. I mean, look in your own life: Aren't the most beautiful souls you know hardly ever the most handsome or pretty ones? Isn't exterior beauty sort of dangerous for the person inside, who so easily can get sucked into believing it matters, or even worse learning how to use it for money and power? Aren't all women beautiful and all men handsome in their hilarious unhandsomeness? So let us join tails and teeth in celebration of the possum, the poster child for the beauty of what is; and ask the Designer to lend us wisdom in the matter of seeing miracles clearly all around us; including, unbelievably but truly, in the two incredible creatures hissing and snarling nasally on the fence above the garbage can. And so: amen.

**What else in creation needs us to see  
its beauty with new eyes?**

# ARTIST SPOTLIGHT



## A message to LNL from Jacqui Rosenbush


I love Jesus and I love following him and being filled with the power of the Holy Spirit to partner in life-giving creation. It's through him that all things came into being and it's for him, and I'm just grateful to join in that remarkable reality. I humble myself in God's magnificent presence and invite him to do all that he longs to do, first in me and then through me as an artist. I have the gift of seeing beauty, calling it out, and bringing it forth. I've invested time and energy to align my gifting with my calling as an artist, but I've found that the most true calling in my life is that I am a beloved daughter of God. From that place of belonging and knowing who I come from, I find peace and joy in everything I do. I get so excited about every opportunity to transform spaces into places and I especially enjoyed making the mural for the Harriet Trolley Tunnel as a way to bring shine some light in the darkness. Just by their nature, tunnels are dark, narrow places of transition and so, what better place to come in and say, "hey, there's beauty here too, don't miss it."

To see more of my work, you can visit my website!  
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HARRIET TROLLEY  
MURAL LOCATION

5011 S 31st Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55417

## Support local businesses



- A** **Midori's Floating World Cafe**  
3425 E Lake Street  
New location for beloved Japanese restaurant that was destroyed during the George Floyd uprising in 2020
- B** **Milkjam Creamery** - 2743 Lyndale Ave S  
Airy, modern ice cream shop serving inventive flavors, sundaes, and boozy floats
- C** **Abi's Restaurant** - 2828 Lyndale Ave S  
Busy cafe dishing up casual Salvadoran fare in small, humble quarters with booths **(more murals here!)**
- D** **Lake and Bryant Cafe** - 821 W Lake St  
Eclectic 21st Century American diner open for breakfast and lunch **(another mural here!)**
- E** **Hamdi Coffee** - Karmel Somalian Mall  
2910 Pillsbury Avenue #101  
Teas, lattes, smoothies, and traditional Somali snacks and desserts
- F** **Midtown Global Market** - 920 E Lake St  
(inside the old Sears building)  
Multicultural food and goods vendors, large indoor venue, paid parking
- G** **Sebastian Joe's Ice Cream Shop**  
4321 Upton Ave, Linden Hills  
Family-run parlor featuring homemade ice cream with unique, rotating flavors

# A PRAYER

Perhaps today's prayer doesn't need words.

Think about that beautiful thing, gaze at the mural, the blue sky, the people near you. Appreciate their beauty, give thanks to God for the health and hope that this beautiful thing has given to you.



## Submit your photo!

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Even better if it's a photo with **you** in it!  
Submit photos to [info@lakenokomis.org](mailto:info@lakenokomis.org)  
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to show up in a slide show!

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