

Faith Life Weekly

One of the things we celebrate at this time of year is the warming sun of Epiphany. It has been a real tough winter but we nearly say at Epiphany that spring is just around the corner. I kind of like the song of old that says it this way: "O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with Gods' own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy!.. Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure."

Jesus is that warming sun. Now I would guess your soul is a bit cold at times as well. Our belief is that Jesus warms the soul.

Another song goes like this: "Jesus, Lover of my soul, You've taken me from the miry clay, You've set my feet upon the Rock."

I wonder if when the sun does break forth in the dead of winter, as it surely will do in the next few days, if we all can't just take a moment to celebrate the warmth of God's love and care, and celebrate the spirit's drenching nourishment that God brings to our lives.

God bless you real good this day.

SONG:

"God, You Reign", by Lincoln Brewster

You paint the night

You count the stars and call them by name

the skies proclaim

God You reign

Your glory shines

You teach the sun when to bring a new day

creation sings God You reign

God You reign

God You reign

forever and ever

God You reign

You part the seas

You move the mountains with the words that you say

my song remains

God You reign

You hold my life

You know my heart and You call me by name

I live to say God You reign

hallelujah, hallelu

Prayer:

"Everlasting God, the radiance of all faithful people, you brought the nations to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the world through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, Jesus. Amen." (ELW , p.21)