

Practicing Poetry Together

The meaning of a poem is abundant. It overflows its bounds and offers readers a variety of connections and truth, much like a parable. This talk will discuss how reading poetry together (or viewing art or listening to music) invites more profound levels of discussion, sparks our collective vision for what's possible, and ultimately encourages deeper community.

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A Psalm

I. Cultivating Attentiveness

A. The whole self

1. More than rational
2. More than meaning
3. Don't resource

B. The Listening self (humility)

C. The vulnerable self

1. Letting go of "normal"
2. Speaking questions

Poem

II. The Stillness and Breeze

A. Be Still and Know

B. The Poetic Holy Spirit

Poem

III. Hearing the Ecclesia (Community)

- A. Space for the Other
- B. Many Parts in One Body
- C. Developing Empathy, not sympathy

Suggested Readings: