## A PERSONAL REFLECTION ON GOD

It is such a pleasure to sit in our church and look out through our large windows to creation.

Our gaze changes with the time of day and of season.

The mountains on the western rim of our picture.

Clouds forming in patterns of delight.

Bird calls offering their seasonal tributes.

The canvas painted with light and dark.

The western sunsets of gold and grey and crimson.

The storm season of unfolding drama in light and sound.

Rain upon our roof, other times the breeze of comfort and wellness.

Listening to the Word of God on creation.

Each weekend is different. Bringing our life to church in prayer. Memories and queries, silence and wonder.

Each weekend as family gathering, On arrival our voices greeting, In the Word our spirit listening, In Eucharist our hearts opening, Shared stories before departing.

Together before God and each other. The sounds of life as community. And the stillness of love within.

We come together before God revealing. We listen to the Word of God moving. We pray in depths of love within. We and I - a community. Each with sacred stories sharing. Each before God praising.

With hymns in our voices singing.
We praise God as Creator, parent, lover.
We, humbly drawn by the wonder of God
Loving and inspiring and correcting,
Forgiving and healing and being.
Wonder, of love, of stillness in God.

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