Good day all!

Happy Monday!  It's too bad the day has only had snippets of sunshine, I hope you've found/made your own sunshine today.  I'm wondering what kind of special dinner I can make for my teenagers tonight.  What are you having for dinner?

These simple things are what occupies our time these days, don't they?  What will we eat? What will we do at home?  Fire in the fireplace? Go for a walk? Shop online?  What do I need?  What can I organize in my house? What needs a deep cleaning?  Do I have anything good to read?  Did I finish reading the paper on the weekend?

I haven't read much about the 'simple things in life' and I wonder if that's because everyone is reduced to the simple things?  What occupies us is the simple things these days and there seems to be a lot of silence around it.

**What are your simple things?**

Right now, we are in lockdown: we are being asked to stay home as much as possible.  We haven't seen friends, we haven't been physically present together in community, we haven't been able to hug our families who live afar. It is a difficult time. Seeing friends and family and being with our church family are part of our emotional well being and reminds us that we belong to one another.  We live in a relational world: God is a relational God and longs to be in relationship with each one of us.  We long to be in relationship with one another.  God longs for us to be in relationship with each other. While we can't do this in person, physically, we have been and will continue to be in relationship virtually, just as we are in relationship with God, the original wifi connection. We have not seen God face to face, but we believe in God's loving presence.  We have not touched Jesus' feet, robes or side, but believe in his teachings and his love for all, we have not seen the Holy Spirit, but have seen the movement of the Spirit in the loving kindness we find in the world.

Simple things: loving presence, teachings of love for all, loving kindness, special meals, board games, a fireplace, sunshine, fresh air, fresh snow.

Please write and tell me your simple things?  The simple things that are helping you through the lockdown?

This week, we have simple things planned: the Broadview Reading Club, Zoom coffee time, Worship.  You likely have other simple things planned too.

Whatever you do this week, do it knowing that God loves you beyond measure, that the Kitchissippi community longs for your presence once we are allowed to be together again, and that you belong.

Blessings in this simple, beautiful, difficult time,

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