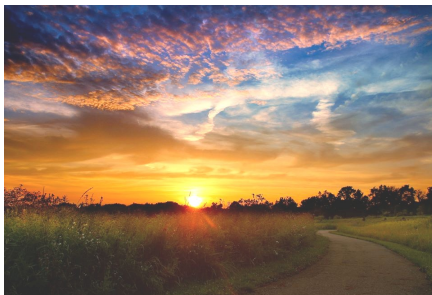


*To Ponder:* Daniel Ladinsky,  
*Love Poems from God,*

It was life itself that Eckhart loved to talk about;  
the life of the fields and the life of the sky, and the  
wonders of the human heart. It is easy to see how  
he raised many a brow when he spoke out like this:

*"Is this not a holy trinity:  
the firmament, the earth, our  
bodies. And is it not an act of  
worship to hold a child, and till  
the soil and lift a cup. And  
Communion, first seek that  
from your lover's soul before  
anything offered from a priest."*

His deep and radical insights and his great popularity  
with his countrymen led to accusations of heresy.  
Eckhart publicly defended himself in February of  
1327, stating that he had always believed God was  
as God said He was — Indivisible. And that sincere  
contemplation of God's own description of Himself  
turned into the sublime experiences and  
compassionate understanding that he preached and  
wrote about.



Rob Blair

*Reading* Meister Eckhart LOVE DOES THAT

All day long a little burro labors, sometimes  
with heavy loads on her back and sometimes just  
with worries  
about things that bother only  
burros.

And worries, as we know, can be more exhausting  
than physical labor.

Once in a while a kind monk comes  
to her stable and brings  
a pear but more  
than that,

he looks into the burro's eyes and touches her ears

and for a few seconds the burro is free  
and even seems to laugh,

because love does  
that.

Love frees.

*Sharing...*  
*a word...*  
*a phrase...*  
*a reflection...*

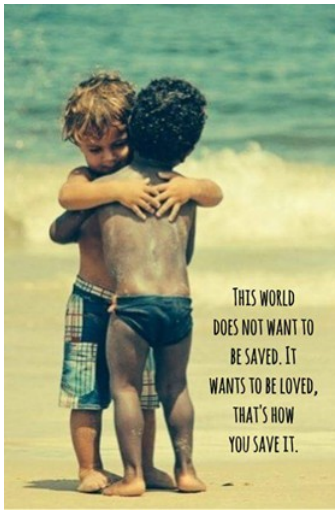
## What the world needs now

*Burt Bacharach*

What the world needs now is love, sweet love.  
No, not just for some, but for everyone.

Lord, we don't need another mountain.  
There are mountains and hillsides enough climb.  
There are oceans and rivers enough to cross,  
enough to last till the end of time.

What the world needs now is love, sweet love,  
It's the only thing there's just too little of.  
What the world needs now is love, sweet love,  
no, not just for some, but just for everyone



THIS WORLD  
DOES NOT WANT TO  
BE SAVED. IT  
WANTS TO BE LOVED,  
THAT'S HOW  
YOU SAVE IT.

**Prayer Leader:**

**Peggy Gerovac**  
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## Love does that



Our prayer is characterized  
by silence ~

*Be still and know that I am God!*

In that silence we listen for a new word.

God is present in all our lives.

God cares for us, and  
our life experiences are a source  
of deepening knowledge of God and self.

Inspired by God's Word in the silence  
we share from our hearts.

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