

## Spirit of Life Carolyn McDade

Spirit of Life, come unto me.  
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion,  
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;  
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold me close; wings set me free:  
Spirit of life, come to me, come to me.



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## We Are the Place where God Dwells



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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## To Ponder: Fr. Doug Koesel, homily

No matter what kind of flaws we experience in our relationships with each other, we are still the place where God dwells. It is in the interactions of our relationships that we experience God's presence and we become the people that God calls us to be. "To be connected with the church," writes Ronald Rolheiser, "is to be associated with scoundrels, warmongers, fakes, child molesters, murderers, adulterers and hypocrites of every description. It also, at the same time, identifies you with saints and the finest persons of heroic soul of every time, country, race, and gender. To be a member of the church is to carry the mantle of both the worst sin and the finest heroism of soul because the church always looks exactly as it has always looked." So we need each other because we are each other. Our work on earth is to glow for God and become light to each other: the weak and the strong, the celebrated and the ignored, those on the inside and those on the outside, those in the shadows, and even those who are despised.

## Reading: source unknown

What we choose changes us.  
Who we love transforms us.

How we create remakes us  
Where we live reshapes us.

So in all our choosing,  
O God, make us wise.

In all our loving,  
O Christ, make us bold.

In all our creating,  
O Spirit, give us courage.

In all our living,  
may we become whole