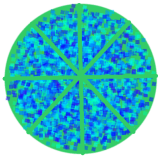


## OV devotions DAY TWO (Sunday - 6/10/18)



I collect kaleidoscopes. I like the way the many colors move and form beautiful, diverse patterns. I like how it looks when you hold the kaleidoscope to the light and the colors become vivid and bright.

When I was in elementary school, I was so excited each school year to get a new box of Crayola crayons. And, to get a box of 64 was a special treat that didn't come along very often (if you don't know about the box of 64, ask Ms. Cathay or Ms. Carol Jo). The imagination of all the different color combinations is endless.

One of my hobbies is cross-stitch. Before starting on a design, I will lay all the colors of thread on the table and try to imagine how they will all work together to create a beautiful design.



What are the common threads running through each of these statements?

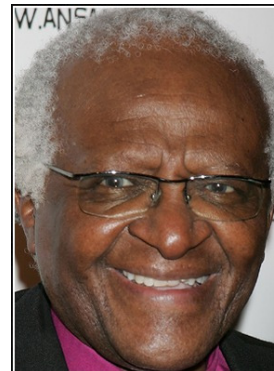
I hope you picked up on color, variety, beautiful form, and creation. You may have listed others.

As I think of the creation story in Genesis, it's as if God might have peered through a kaleidoscope as he got to work on creation—light, water, land, trees, flowers, stars, sun, moon, birds, creatures in the sea and on land, and then God created humankind and breathed life into him. Along the way, God would step back and look at each piece of the masterpiece and declare it good.

Just think how all of that looks from God's viewpoint—full of color, shape, design. God blessed it and called it good.

What is the challenge to us? How are we to view God's creation? How are we to care for all of God's beautiful, diverse, and colorful creation? How are we to care for the earth and care for each other?

**Prayer:** Creator God, thank you for creating life with all of its color, beauty, and design. Remind me that the life you have breathed into me leads me to seek a better life for others. Challenge me this week to view my choir friends and others I meet as part of your creation. Amen.



For Christians, who believe they are created in the image of God, it is the Godhead, diversity in unity and the three-in-oneness of God, which we and all creation reflect.

— Desmond Tutu —

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