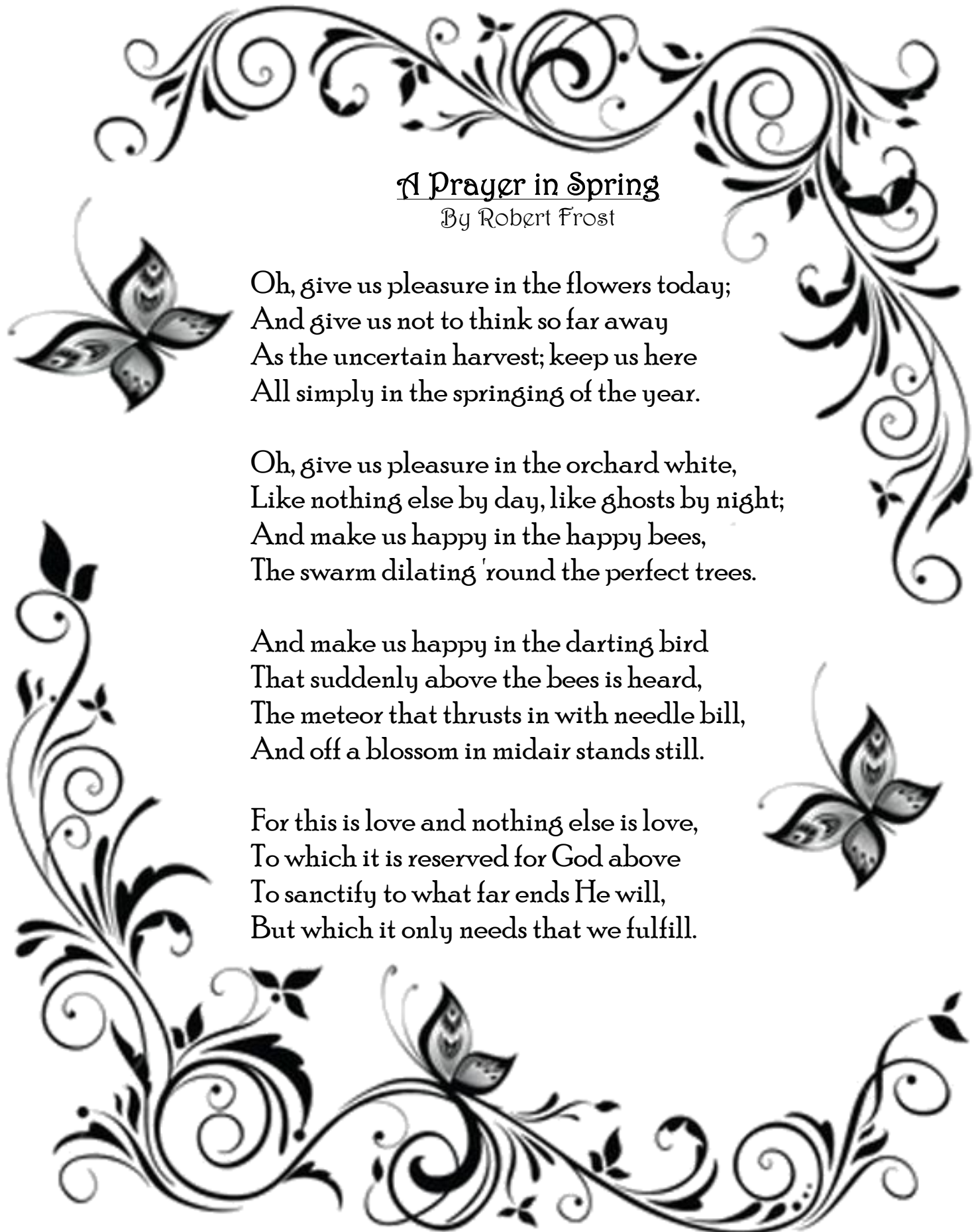


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## A Prayer in Spring

By Robert Frost

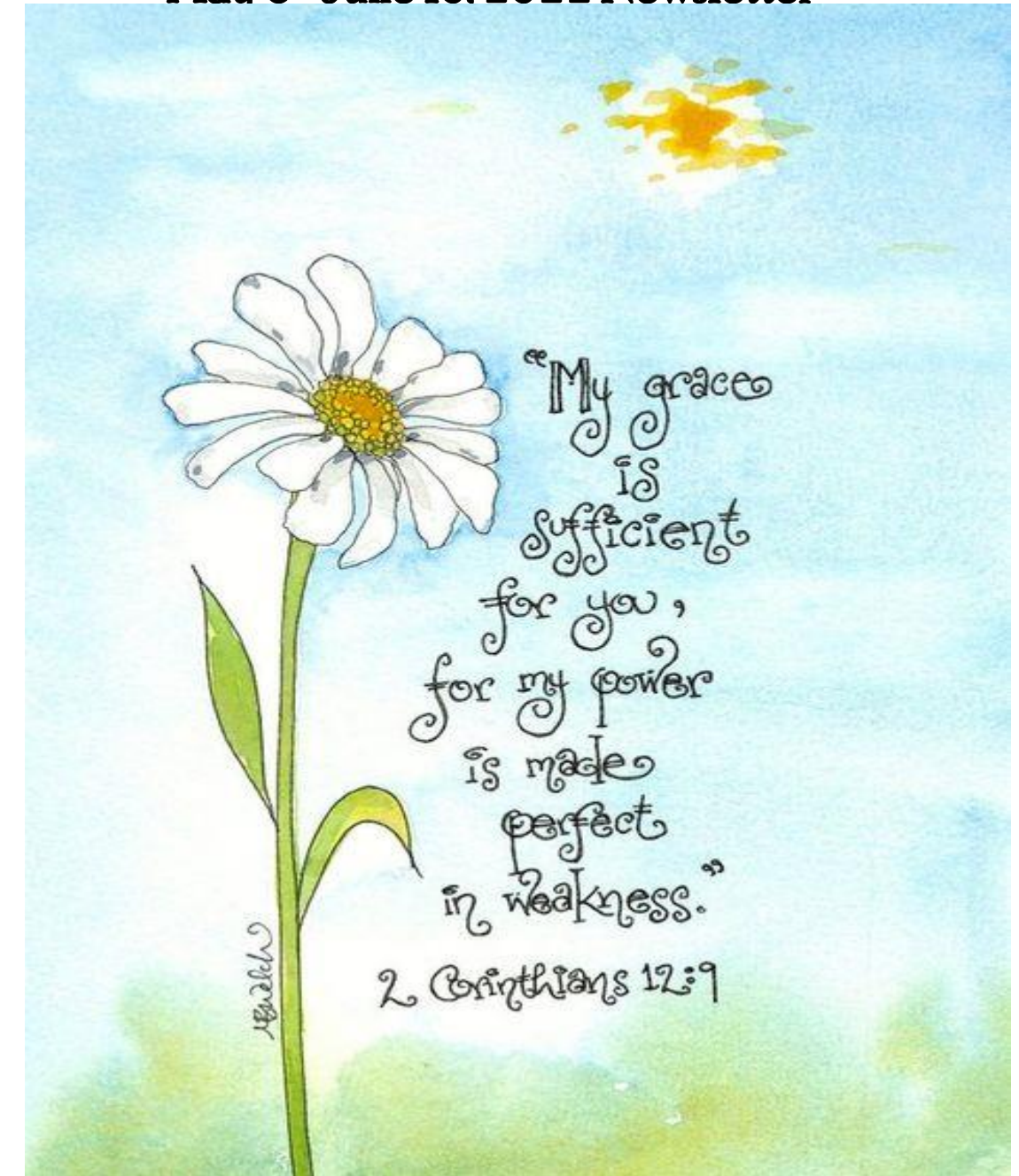


Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers today;  
And give us not to think so far away  
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here  
All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,  
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;  
And make us happy in the happy bees,  
The swarm dilating 'round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird  
That suddenly above the bees is heard,  
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,  
And off a blossom in midair stands still.

For this is love and nothing else is love,  
To which it is reserved for God above  
To sanctify to what far ends He will,  
But which it only needs that we fulfill.



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*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

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*God is still speaking,*  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



**IN OUR CIRCLE OF PRAYER**

Bill Bertram, Dakota Miller, Marlene Rhueff, Elaine Panyi

➤If you would like to be remembered in prayer or know of someone who would appreciate being included in this list, please contact the church office.



**Happy Birthday!**

May 9  
May 17  
May 28  
May 29

Susan Glover  
Hanna Ross  
Elaine Panyi  
Renea Starkey-Hunt



**PASTOR COY**

If you would like to meet with Pastor Coy, please make an appointment with the church office at **740-282-1793**. If you would like to get a hold of Pastor Coy directly, his cell number is **330-301-0551**.

**MEMORIAL OUTDOOR PLANTING**

We will be planting annuals in the outdoor beds for the summer. If you would like to contribute, please mail your check to the church or place in the offering plate. You may make it a memorial or in honor of someone, just let the office know. The list will be in a future newsletter. Thank you.

*Worrying does not  
take away  
tomorrow's troubles.  
It takes away  
today's peace.*

*Pastor's Pen*  
**Tale of Two Wolves**

A Cherokee elder was teaching his young grandson about life. "A fight is going on inside me," he said to the boy. "It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One is evil- he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, self-doubt and ego. The other is good- he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith. This same fight is going on inside you—and inside every other person, too."

The boy thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf will win?"

The elder simply replied, "The one you feed."

— Tsalagi Tale

Every year the buds on the trees start blooming. A miracle in itself, if you are willing to notice. Some of us just notice the watering eyes, the sneezing, and stuffiness. But if you notice it is a forgiveness of the winter. The trees lose their leaves, the flowers drop their buds, and everything looks like it is dying. But alas a miracle of spring and everything starts to grow, starts to bud, and start to blossom. What a miracle! But we have to notice what is going on and not just think it is the same old, same old. We look at the world around us and believe all this happens on its own. I know some say it is just science and it happens because of certain things that cycle through time and space. But not me because I believe it is a miracle! It is supposed to be a reminder that life can start anew. So in nature, so in our lives! We can go down that path living and thinking that we are in control that nothing we do matters. We can have what we want when we want and it doesn't matter. Living for yourself, money, and believing sin today and live again tomorrow. But can we? Is that all life is supposed to be? We can stay home on Sunday and then problems come we turn to God and the church when we are in trouble. What if God and church is there to help you keep your life in tune? What if spring is a new reminder to look at what and who should important in your life? What if it is a reminder to be thankful to our Lord and Savior and the gifts of the people he has given us in our lives? All our lives can be better! God is willing to lead you but you have to ask Him. Blossoms can happen in all our lives. We need to come out of the darkness of evil and go to the light of God.

So read the story at the top of this page again.

**WHICH WOLF ARE YOU FEEDING??????????**

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Walter Coy