

The Road Not Taken

Creekside Vision Statement:

Like a tree that draws life from the river of God's love we are a Church of the Brethren congregation

Rooted in God, seeking the way through individual and corporate prayer, Bible study, and vital small groups;

Growing in Jesus, celebrating our relationship in creative and credible worship, daily discipleship, and Christian education for all ages;

Bearing Fruit in the Spirit, sharing holy hospitality by offering healing and hope to our community and world, and inviting others to walk by faith.

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth.

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same.

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I--
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

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Creekside Prayer Garden WALK by FAITH

*Happy are those who do not follow
the advice of the wicked . . .
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
They are like trees planted by the water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.*

Psalm 1:1-3

How to use the WALK by FAITH:

The numbers printed in this brochure correspond to a place in the Prayer Garden which is marked with a numbered tag. For each place there is scripture or hymn text for you to read and reflect upon. You may walk, sit, stand, or lie in the grass beside the large pool as you use this time for prayer, meditation or to contemplate the beauty of creation. Take as long as you like: God is always present to meet you here.

1. *Wind chimes* *Amazing Grace Text:*

John Newton

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

2. *Lilies* *Luke 12:25-27*

And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies grow, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.

3. *Entire garden* *Jeremiah 17:7-8*

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.

4. *Waterfall and stream* *Psalm 42:1-2*

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?

5. *Fragrant plants* *2 Corinthians. 2:14-16a*

But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life.

6. *Trust & Obey stone* *Trust & Obey*

Text: John H. Sammis

When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

7. *Sugar Tyme tree* *Galatians 5:22-23*

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23

8. *Grasses* *Psalm 103:15-17*

As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field;
For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.
But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting
On those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,
To those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

9. *Fish over pond* *Matthew 4:18-20*

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of people." At once they left their nets and followed him.

10. *Large rocks by lower pool* *1 Pet 2:4-6*

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one whoever believes in him will never be put to shame."

11. *Sycamore tree* *Luke 19:1-6,9*

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly... Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

12. *Weeping trees* *Psalm 126:5-6*

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing seeds for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

*Go out in joy and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and hills will burst forth into
song before you,
and all the trees of the field will clap their
hands.*

Isaiah 55:12

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