

A Reflection about Gardening

Creator God, you hold the whole creation in your hand, and your Spirit dwells with me in all time and space. Show us your presence in worship, in friends and family, and in all that is around us. Help us to lovingly join in the work of your creation so that your creativity guides us in all we do. It is in Jesus' name we pray. (prayer from Lutheran devotional booklet, *Eternity for Today*.)

One day in June we were making container gardens with our remaining top soil and vegetable seedlings. We were working together enjoying nature in our backyard. We were carefully transplanting each tiny seedling into their new home. I felt God's love coming to me through all 5 senses, sight, hearing, smell, touch, and taste, (well maybe **taste** was only anticipated). He was delighting me with the beautiful colours of the flowers, cheerful birdsong, fragrance of the cedars, and the texture of the soil.



Because it is important to have good soil with the proper nutrition we had purchased ten bags of triple treat soil, and had more than enough for the new gardens we had made during covid . The words of the hymn “Lord, Make my Heart Good Soil” came into my head:

Lord let my heart be good soil open to the seed of your word.
Lord let my heart be good soil where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away,
When my heart is cold, warm it with the light of day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way .
Lord let my heart, Lord let my heart be good soil.

Help me to bloom where I am planted.

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