

***“These all look to you,
to give them their food in due season.
When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.
When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.” (Psalm 104:27-30)***

I've had quite a week while traipsing this wild, wild world. I had the privilege of fishing for Bass on Lake St. Clair, was out and about in northern Michigan for the holiday weekend, and last night spent some time around a campfire way out in the woods with family.

During these experiences, I have been face to face with beautiful bass, turkeys, deer, a black bear, and last night a red fox. I had never seen a fox up close before. Apparently, this wispy creature has been fed since a pup by neighbors and is not shy while looking for a snack. A true delight to watch while he gratefully nibbled on a hot dog.

While reflecting on all of these unique and unusual opportunities, I found myself thinking about The Creator and the whole world's reliance on Him as stated by the Psalmist above.

Today, I stand in awe and with amazement at the Work of God in creation. All of the creatures being dependent on Him for life and sustenance. For a moment, I felt the “groaning” of the “whole creation” (Romans 8:23) as all of these creatures live in the condition of this fallen world. I long for Christ's return and the order it will bring.

Until then, we wait. We marvel at the wonder and wisdom of God's works. We bask in His Mercy. We worship, ascribing the Glory due our Savior. We look at the world around us with eyes of faith fixed on our living hope.

I'm looking forward to doing this together, with all of you on Sunday. Until then, I wish you open-eyed wonder as you navigate through God's manifold works in the creation.

Pastor Mark