

Today's devotion was prepared by Rev. Becki Verbridge, Interim Pastor at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Elyria.

I am one of those people who revels in the wonders of the natural world God created. Aware that the season of summer arrived this weekend, I share the following *"O Antiphons for Summer"* from *"The Circle of Life: The Heart's Journey Through the Seasons"* written by Joyce Rupp and Macrina Wiederkehr, both Sisters in the Roman Catholic Church. May our eyes and hearts be opened to receive the way God comes to us in this season of the year!

Pastor Becki

### ***O Antiphons for Summer***

O Breath of Summer,  
Come! Come with your warm winds.  
Breathe on all within us that resists growth.  
Temper our desire to be in control.  
Raise up some wildness in us.  
O Come!

O Fireflies of Beautiful Evenings,  
Come! Come enchant us with your mystic dance.  
Brighten our evening with your little lights.  
Lead us away from day's duties.  
Lift our spirits into your carefree flight.  
O Come!

O Gardens of Plenty,  
Come! Come bless us with your wealth.  
Sustain us with your abundance.  
Remind us of the world's hunger.  
Nudge us to give from our fullness.  
O Come!

O Dazzling Sun,  
Come! Come with your golden rays.  
Anoint us with your energizing beams.  
Recharge us with your radiant vitality.

Refresh our overworked spirits.  
O Come!

O Long Days of Extended Light,  
Come! Come with your wide expansive arms.  
Open our eyes to the daily miracle of life.  
Slip into our distracted hearts with every dawn.  
Expand our ability to see beauty in our world.  
O Come!

O Summer Word of God,  
Come! Come with your transforming breath.  
Breathe on us until we are ripe with life.  
Fire us to be light for the world.  
Nourish us with your healing rays.  
O Come!

O Source of Growth and Light,  
Come! Come encourage us to stretch toward light.  
Warm us with your abiding presence.  
Challenge our weary spirits.  
Walk with us into the deep, green forests.  
O Come!

<https://youtu.be/fLWAI6KRIsQ> "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" performed by Anthem Lights