

## This Week in Presbyterian Public Witness

### UPCOMING ADVOCACY VISIT WITH SENATOR

**SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO.** In keeping with our Matthew 25 Initiative foci on eradicating systemic poverty and mitigating climate change, Pastor Gusti is coordinating with the Presbyterian Office of Public Witness in Washington, DC to bring our concerns to Senator Capito on these issues, including a training on faith-based advocacy. Roughly 50 people have already signed up. Date and time are still under negotiation. A generous donor has offered to fund a trip to Washington. *If you would like to join us, please contact the church office. Spread the word! You do not need to be Presbyterian to join this effort!*

**PENTECOST OFFERING will be collected through the month of June.** The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. The Pentecost Offering helps nurture the faith of children, youth, and young adults. Congregations keep 40% of raised funds to initiate or support programs for young people in their communities. The remaining 60% is remitted to the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

## Prayer for Wisdom

### To Begin With, the Sweetgrass, *excerpt*

1.

Will the hungry ox stand in the field and not eat  
of the sweet grass?

Will the owl bite off its own wings?

Will the large forget to lift its body in the air or  
forget to sing?

Will the rivers run upstream?

Behold, I say—behold  
the reliability and the finery and the teachings  
of this gritty earth gift.

**Mary Oliver**

### +Response 288 (2x)

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

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*Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.*

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