



ADULT EDUCATION SCHEDULE:

Katie Harris
April 29 - Visit to Mexico

Pastor Gillian
May 13 - Annie Dillard
May 27 - Wendell Berry

LET'S TAKE A WALK WITH
CHIEF SEATTLE



Chief Seattle
1786 - 1866

*Will you teach your children what we have taught
our children?*

That the earth is our mother?

*What befalls the earth befalls the sons of the
earth.*

*This we know: the earth does not belong to man,
man belongs to the earth.*

*All things are connected like the blood that unites
us all.*

*Man did not weave the web of life, he is merely a
strand in it.*

Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself.

One thing we know; our God is also your God.

*The earth is precious to God and to harm the
earth is to heap contempt on the Creator.*

Questions to Ponder

- ◇ Do you agree that there is no quiet place in our cities?
- ◇ What affect does this have on our lives to have so little silence?
- ◇ Where do you go to find silence?
- ◇ What benefit is there in silence?
- ◇ How can we find God in the silence or the noise?
- ◇ Without silence have we robbed ourselves of the ability to hear God?
- ◇ How might you find time and space for silence and for God?

*There is no quiet place in the white man's cities
No place to hear the unfurling leaves in spring,
or the rustle of an insect's wings.
But perhaps it is because I am a savage I do not
understand.
The clatter only seem to insult the ears.*

Questions to Ponder

- ◇ Do we teach our children that the earth is our mother?
- ◇ Do we think that we belong to the earth rather than the earth belong to us?
- ◇ What difference does it make to believe that we belong to the earth?
- ◇ Do we treat the earth as precious?
- ◇ How does it make you feel to remember that the earth is precious to God?
- ◇ And what might be the consequences of how we treat the earth?

*How can you buy or sell the sky, the warmth
of the land?*

The idea is strange to us.

*If we do not own the freshness of the air and
the sparkle of the water, how can we buy
them?*

Every part of the earth is sacred to my people.

*Every shining pine needle, every sandy shore,
every mist in the dark woods, every clear and
humming insect is holy in the memory and
experience of my people.*

*The perfumed flowers are our sisters, the
deer, the horse, the great eagle, these are our
brothers.*

*The rocky crests, the juices in the meadows,
the body heat of the pony and the man, all
belong to the same family.*

Questions to Ponder

- ◇ How do you respond to this reading, helpful or unhelpful?
- ◇ As you walk through life do you feel connected to creation?
- ◇ Does the beauty of the world bring you closer to God?
- ◇ Do you think of every part of the earth as sacred?
- ◇ If we believed that every part of the earth was sacred how might that change our relationship to the earth?