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Message From Reclaiming Earth Committee

“ ... flooded with hope, with a sweet consciousness of the rich march of time, stretching from the deep past to the remote future, each moment containing all the others. It is impossible to think only in the self-indulgent, despairing, fearful present when surrounded by life across ... dimensions. All this time ... been trying to reason my way to hope ... In fact, hope just is. You can't run through a checklist to get it ... like laughter, hope catches and spreads ... That doesn't mean that hope is naive ... It occurs to me that we are in an era that holds out the potential of magnificent regeneration. We could, if enough of us wanted to, form a new relationship with our planet. We could become the gentle symbionts we were meant to be instead of the planetary parasites we have unwittingly become.”

Seasick, by Alanna Mitchell (Pgs 130-131)

Stephen Binz writes: “No longer is the glorious new existence promised by God just a distant hope foretold by the prophets and sages of Israel. It is the wondrous new reality that God has brought into the world by raising Jesus from the dead ... Our hope for the future is based on the God who raised Jesus from the dead and who shows us the meaning of our future resurrected life ... as bodily creatures we are deeply embedded with the rest of creation, and our future is bound up with that of the world. Paul's vision of resurrection is cosmic, a new creation of the heavens and the earth. Our bodily resurrection will be our participation in God's new creation of all reality.”

Stewardship of the Earth (Pg 115)

As we reflect on the image of being embedded with the rest of creation and how we care for all of creation, what images come to mind for you?