

Monday Morning, August 9, 2010

**F**all is my favorite season—probably because it touches all of my senses just a bit more exquisitely than any of the others. And for that reason, autumn is with me much longer than any of the other seasons.

It begins for me with the monsoons, the black sky at night with diamond sprinkles, the instant green of the landscape, the black-eyed Susans at the side of the roads on my way to Edgewood...

and I'm waiting for another sense of autumn to burst—the crisp aroma of roasting chile. Of course, I know that REAL fall will be here when I see the leaves turn color, but that can wait.



This week, every time I opened the back door to the Garden of Eatin'

I was greeted by morning glories. They have happily taken over any part of our garden that will have them. They seem to be here as a reminder that I have many morning glories in life that could easily take over if only I would let them. I know I can't count them all, but I can notice them as I travel through my day—starting with the birds who wake me every morning. The fact that I can still get out of bed without too much aching, creaking, and staggering. The fact that my granddaughter, Elyse, will walk in the house with her Poppi any minute now to help me water the flowers in my back patio. As I unwrap the day, the morning glories will continue to open.

Last evening at the Taizé service, we considered the nature of our relationship with God:

*God, mark us with grace and blessing! Smile!*

*And God,*

*Listen to your children praying in rhythm with you.*

*You have told us to learn the unforced rhythms of grace,  
to dance in the quiet of your music, to live freely and lightly.*

*You have invited us to quiet places where we can seclude ourselves with you.*

*And then, one at a time,*

*as with the musical instruments in chorus,  
emerging from our quiet,  
each of us distinct and in tune*

*We will join the melody*

*play the music of praise  
display our exuberance  
and receive your blessing.*

Join us this week on Tuesday morning to continue the beautification of our grounds and building.

- Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 to see all of the little 'right field' tasks you can do to help the Worship Committee.
- Wednesday morning a few of us come over to the church to continue the building and grounds work. In fact, early morning time at the church will find quite a few of us here in work and fellowship.

Right field tasks this week:

- Wash the window sills throughout the church (but not the high ones on the trombé wall).
- Pull as many weeds as you can in front of the trombé wall.

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***Love and blessings,***

*Pidi*