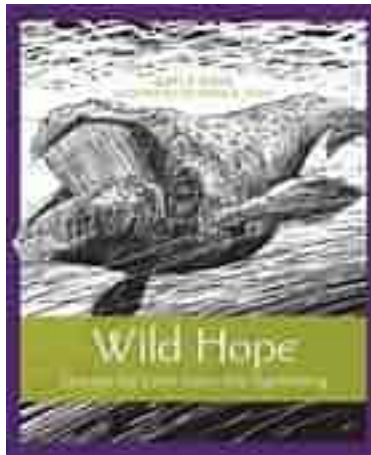




Celebrating that Christ is all and in all by seeking, inviting, belonging,
serving and reverencing God's creation



Do You Have Wild Hope?

“If I had it to do again, I would tell my young sons about the suffering and deaths of the amazing animals they love. I would let their hearts be broken. Then I would tell them that hearts broken open in love create a new ark. That when we suffer in love together, a Suffering Love beyond us can birth, through us, a new world where ‘they will not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain.’ That is what we and all creatures groan for—this more beautiful world that lies quietly waiting in every heart.”

If you participated in the past Advent season’s Sunday Forums, the name of Gayle Boss and her tender writing in ***All Creation Waits*** will be familiar to you. Four years later, Boss wrote and published ***Wild Hope: Stories for Lent from the Vanishing***. This Lent, a few Creation Care friends are reading *Wild Hope* together and meeting once a week to discuss its import and to reflect on its meaning to us as individuals who, like every part of creation, face the impact of our rapidly changing climate.

In a respectful and gently non-judgmental fashion, Boss discusses specific vanishing animals of earth and divides them into categories that signal why they are vanishing: The Hungry, The Sick, The Homeless, The Poisoned, The Hunted and the Desecrated. Though it's only 125 pages, it's not a book to be read quickly. Each creature's story calls for meditation, cries out for witnessing, and leads inexorably—at least for those determined to unite to care for creation—to action.

This isn't a book review. It's an invitation to you to get this book and join us. You can literally join our brief Tuesday morning Zoom meeting at 9:00-9:30 (contact me, echatfieldlusto@gmail.com) or you can join us in spirit and community as we all read the ***Wild Hope***, observe Lent, and the coming of spring and rebirth together—and discover what it means right now for our planet and all who share it with us.