

“I Want to Be with People” by Dana Worsnop

Reverend Margo: Often people say that they love coming to a place with so many like-minded people. I know just what they are getting at – and I know that they aren’t getting it quite right. I don’t want to be with a bunch of people who think just like me. I want to be in a beloved community where I don’t have to think like everyone else to be loved, to be eligible for salvation.

Reader 2: I want to be with people who value compassion, justice, love & truth, though they have different thoughts and opinions about all sorts of things. I want to be with independent minded people of good heart.

Reader 3: I want to be with people who have many names and no name at all for God. I want to be with people who see me in my goodness and dignity, who also see my failings and foibles, and who still love me.

Reader 4: I want to be with people who feel their inter-connection with all existence and let it guide their footfalls upon the earth. I want to be with people who see life as a paradox and don’t always rush to resolve it.

Reverend Margo: I want to be with people who are willing to walk the tight rope that is life and who will hold my hand as I walk mine. I want to be with people who let church call them into a different way of being in the world. I want to be with people who support, encourage and even challenge each other to higher and more ethical living.

Reader 2: I want to be with people who inspire one another to follow the call of the spirit.

Reader 3: I want to be with people who covenant to be honest, engaged and kind, who strive to keep their promises and hold me to the promises I make.

Reader 4: I want to be with people who give of themselves, who share their hearts and minds and gifts.

ALL: I want to be with people who know that human community is often warm and generous, sometimes challenging and almost always a grand adventure. In short, I want to be with people like you.