

God, I wonder what you make of our world.

\*All of our biases and all our judgment.

\*All our hope and relentless dreaming.

God, I wonder what you make of our world.

- As we hang out rainbow banners
- We remember the one you hung in the sky after the flood.

We remember the promise you made – sealed with hues of color.

- Out of such a sad story, we cling to the Rainbow.
- Out of such sorrow, we cling to the symbol of hope.

We remember the promise you made – sealed with a Rainbow;

The old story credits you, God, with destroying and saving the world.

\*We know they used to give you credit and blame for everything.

\*We know wholeness and healing have always been your way.

So, we wonder God, what do you want us to see in the rainbow.

Did you give it to us as a reminder of life on a spectrum?

- With miles of diversity between opposite ends?

Did you give it to us as a reminder of our beauty?

- Countless expressions that confound expectations?

Did you give it to us as a call to unity?

- Knowing our insecurity would lead us to divide?

Did you give it to us for days when we would become self-absorbed and lose our sense of awe?

- Is that rainbow in the sky a reminder to look to the heavens; beyond ourselves?

We wonder, God, what do YOU see in the rainbow.

Maybe it reminds you of our potential, even when we turn away from you.

Maybe it reminds you of our beauty, even when we spew hate and venom.

Maybe it reminds you of how reliant we truly are on a God of grace and love –

\*How much we need to be reminded of our goodness.

\*How much we need to be guided in the paths of peace and joy.

\*How we still need to be reminded that we are made in your image and that you love us.

As a Christian Community, we know that Jesus lived and preached this message all the time.

\*I wonder what Jesus thought when he saw the rainbow?

-Did he think about the people he had healed from so many nations?

-Did he think about the creation that was such a focus in his stories?

-Did he think about the rigid, polarized world he came into

and wish for peace between extremes??

\*Or did Jesus see it like us, sitting in awe – remembering his own beauty, amidst the nay-sayers.

-Did he remember the beauty of those he came to care for.

As we look to the rainbow today God,

-Remind us that our diversity is more than beautiful – it is powerful.

Hope is powerful

Love is powerful

God, may the diversity of this moment proclaim the vastness of your love –

-Calling us to love more deeply

-Calling us to march, advocate, and pray for justice.

May the diversity of this moment be like a rainbow in the sky –

- Assuring all who feel unloved that they are not alone

- Assuring all who feel broken, that they are beautiful.

May this rainbow day put us in the footsteps of Jesus first Disciples who prayed...

LORD'S PRAYER