

Moments of Beauty

Week 4 - Beauty in Animals and Creatures

Wednesday, September 30



***County Agricultural Agent* by Norman Rockwell for the “Saturday Evening Post”, July 24, 1948**

“People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch (bless) them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.’ And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.” Mark 10:13-16

Norman Rockwell’s paintings were infamous for their characterizations. Each face tells a story. As you lean into this painting, notice the interaction between the little girl with the calf and the man. He is honoring her as a person listening to her story about the calf as well as instructing. The whole barnyard of animals and humans are intensely gripped by this encounter. It is a moment of the Kingdom of God, where everyone is, for a moment, blessing and being blessed.

We too are witnesses to these moments. The creatures of the earth and the children teach us how to simply “be”. What honoring and blessing do you notice today? What child can you affirm and bless? How are you blessed by the creatures around you today?