

Worship Sharing 4/12/22
Simplicity

Here I am, in Quaker surroundings, whose restful simplicity is most congenial to me. I feel here the earnest desire for genuine growth and culture which founds a slow but sure success. I am confirmed in my division of human energies. Ambitious people climb. But faithful people build.

~ Julia Ward Howe

Simplicity is a balm to contemporary anxiety, allowing all of us to engage in the joys and challenges of the present moment.

~ San Francisco Friends School

How many things are there which I do not want.

~ Socrates

Simplicity brings sanity to our compulsive extravagance, and peace to our frantic spirit. It liberates us from what William Penn called 'cumber'. People once again become more important than possessions. Simplicity enables us to live lives of integrity in the face of the terrible realities of our global village.

~ Richard J. Foster, *The Freedom of Simplicity*

As you simplify your life, the laws of the universe will be simpler; solitude will not be solitude, poverty will not be poverty, nor weakness weakness.

~ Henry David Thoreau

Considerations:

Which of these quotes are you drawn to, and why?