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Pastor's Pen
the Good Shepherd

Feast of

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mickey Dietz from Nativity shared this poem from the Irish poet, Kathleen O'Meara. It was written in 1869 after a plague in Ireland in the late 1860's. It could have been written today.

Something Lovely

***And people stayed home and read books and listened
And rested and exercised and made art and played
And learned new ways of being
And were still and listened more deeply
Someone meditated
Someone prayed
Someone danced
Some met their own shadow
And people started thinking differently-
And people healed
And in the absence of people who lived in ignorant
ways...dangerous, mindless and heartless...
The earth began to heal..
And when the danger ended, and people found themselves...
They grieved for the dead
And they made new choices and dreamed of new visions
And created new ways to live and heal the earth fully...
Just as they had been healed.***

So, what will we learn from all of this? Will we be different people after a vaccine is found or will we just go back to the comfortable ruts we have formed for many years. This is a moment of struggle and grace. May we allow the Good Shepherd to lead us to new ways of living with each other.