



**THURSDAY, APRIL 10**

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The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,  
the world and all who dwell therein.  
For it is he who founded it upon the seas,  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

—Psalm 24:1-2

Sharing is at the heart of practicing Christian love for one another. My parents might raise an eyebrow at this, given that as a kid I was notoriously bad at sharing with my sisters. Having learned from my own bad example, I appreciate that sharing teaches us to rely on one another and build each other up for the well-being of the whole.

As Christians, we can share even more freely because we are God's, and everything we have is from God. Sharing our time, talents and treasure builds up the Body of Christ. I see examples of this in the self-help groups Episcopal Relief & Development supports in Guatemala, where women come together to encourage each other in saving money, learning skills and improving their lives through small business endeavors. I see this in the community buffalo banks in Myanmar, where community members “borrow” a pair of animals to work their land, and then give back two of the buffaloes' offspring so their neighbors can have a chance to benefit. I see inspiring examples of giving from church members here in the United States, who see this work as a way to seek and serve Christ in others, near and far away.

May we all seek to share of ourselves with our sisters and brothers worldwide, and so continue to bring forth the kingdom of God.

—**Faith Rowold**