

# Connecting New

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This month I share a poem and painting that speak of love, relationship with God, integration, communion, nature and romance. I hope you can hear it, and even more I hope you too can experience this in your life, perhaps as you are picking tomatoes from your garden, watching the birds at your feeder or playing with your grandchildren.

As with many of my paintings, what I see in the finished prayer is more than I am consciously hoping to express. There are three raised beds and three persons (Jesus, my wife and myself), but what I did not expect is the couple standing to the left of center looking like they are from the cover of a romance novel (I had consciously intended to depict a bush).



Worship

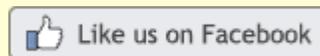
I spend most of my kneeling in the garden,  
communing with the earth,  
sharing life with my beloved,

being one with nature and the creator.  
It takes effort, commitment and attention to detail,  
yet most of all it takes tender loving care.

Be fruitful my sanctuary, be fruitful my life,  
with attentiveness, kindness, generosity and gratitude.  
Let my life be hospitable to all others -  
plants, animals, people -  
until I return all to all and union becomes complete.  
May our union become complete.

May you find places of integration in your life, and may you worship there  
often.

Peace and Blessings,  
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