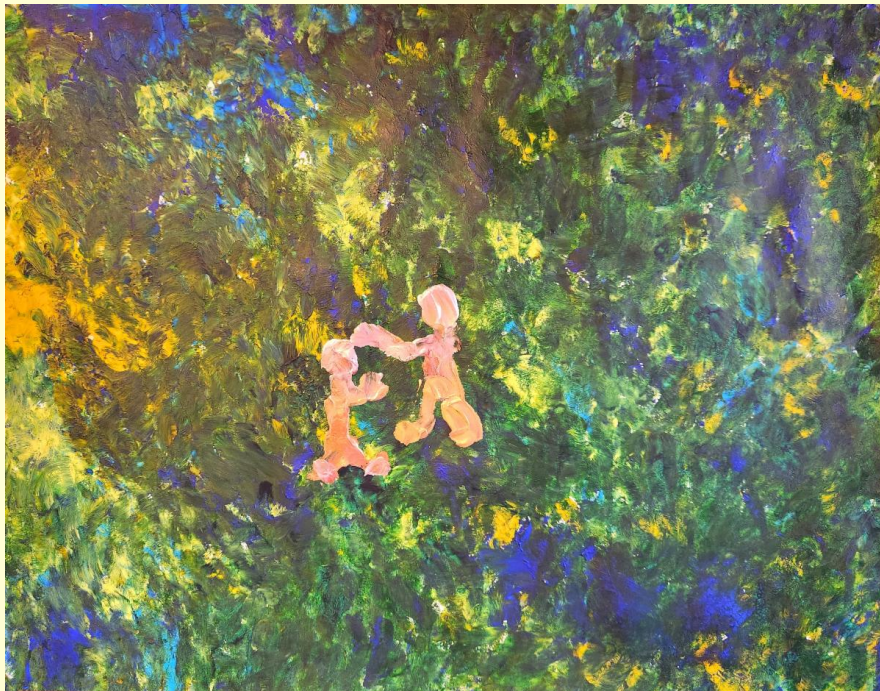


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"I have called you by name; you are mine." Many of us recognize this promise from Isaiah 43:1. We know that there is power in naming when we think of baptism and confirmation. Decades ago I remember praying with this passage by inserting my name (as suggested by my spiritual director) "I have called you by name, Clarence; you are mine." Try it sometime.

But we also know that in intimate relationships, we often use special, sometimes even secret names, names that express endearment. The Divine has at least one such name for each of us and perhaps we have one or more such name for the Divine. This month I share a poem and painting that came from inviting Jesus to reveal to me his special name for me. I invite you to do the same, and if you wish to share that name and/or your special name for the Divine, I would love to hear from you.



Krinkles

His name for me is Krinkles
though my name for him is soulmate.
I heard it once when I became silent,
and listened.

A name of endearment,
a name unique and intimate.
He makes me feel special and loved.

Oh Dear One, let me open even more
to your presence this moment.
Let me feel your embrace
and let my heart smile broaden.
Let us love, sing and dance together this world.
May we dance together this world in love.

May we continue to come to know more fully the depth of the Divine's love for and
in us, and may we share it with abandon.

Peace and Blessings,
Clarence

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