

## February 2, 2021 Daily Church Email

Frozen River from *Landscapes of the Heart* by Cathy Cummings Chisholm

Unseen beneath the frozen surface,  
beneath the ice, a flowing stream  
blanketed by snow  
decorated with shadows  
guarded by rock-lined banks  
the surface defies definition.  
The eye can only guess  
how thick the ice  
how deep the water.  
The river remains a mystery  
Held captive by the cold  
until warmth comes again to melt its mask.

Prayer:

Source of all life and love,  
you see past the paltry shell of my pretenses  
into the depths of my frozen heart.  
You know when the river of faith  
running through my soul is shallow and sluggish.  
You feel the icy grip of coldheartedness  
building a barrier between us.  
Shine the bright light of our love on my face.  
Warm me through and through with your grace  
so that my spirit will run swiftly and deeply  
and directly to you.  
Amen.

Have a blessed day in Christ,  
Pastor Julie

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