

Ordained

What all this means,
with the calling that lies behind
or life itself for that matter,
is hidden from us
in the mystery
and
sovereignty of God.

Yet we can see
and trace it in those who have been
gifted by him to bear the marks,
whose integrity
in following
and
working evidence grace.

In home and church
human life is rendered sacred
by gardeners of rose and Word,
laboring in both
to measure progress
and
bloom wherever planted.

Lord, bless the fruit
of lives invested in people,
without whom, the served, we languish.
And keep among us
the Spirit of love
and
faith that spreads it abroad.

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for Glen and Jane Wiberg
on the 50th Anniversary
of their Ordination
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