

## Moments of Beauty Week 8 - Visual Art

Tuesday, October 27



Street art. Photo credit: Kim La Rue

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young – a place near your altar, O Lord Almighty, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you. Psalm 84:1-4

A very cool thing happened this summer. Summer Spray appeared on the empty lot across from the Greek Orthodox Church. It was a series of paintings by various artists speaking into the immense struggles of our times. This one pictured here, spoke deeply to me. One of our difficulties at this moment is being able to listen. It is important to know that we have been heard... but we must also stop to listen. Even to voices that are hard for us to hear. And we must pause long enough in the house of God to hear God's voice. God speaks today. Maybe you are not one of the lucky ones who hears an audible voice of God. But you've probably felt the nudge of the Holy Spirit inviting you to re-connect with someone. Or you might have heard the words of Jesus echoing in your ears, "which person was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" This neighborhood street art reminds us that we are all neighbors to each other. And God's court is a place where even the sparrow feels safe. And that is a beautiful thing. Who is your neighbor?