

# Episcopal Identity

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Mary Oliver, who died in early January, has always been one of my favorite poets. Partly because she often speaks of nature, which is a love of mine, but also because she gets to the heart of the fact that we are all always wrestling with the ultimate questions of who we are and where we have come from. These spiritual questions are at the root of our lives. In Godly Play, the religion curriculum that we use for our early childhood and elementary students, we are constantly asked to wonder. To wonder about how the stories of God touch our hearts and where we see ourselves in God's great story. It is magnificent to sit with a group of children who are unafraid

of wondering about God. Where did God come from? Who created God? Does God really love all of us that much?

Wondering seems so simple, but at some point in our lives, when we think that we have learned a lot of things that explain how the world works, we start to wonder less about this world that God has created for us. This is where our children can teach us an important lesson. They know well that God is visible all around us. They want to know why and how and where. They look under rocks and climb into trees to get a better view, they harness the energy of the world around them as they wonder at the beauty and wonder of God.



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Maria Ortiz Rosa, '24, in Chapel