Today, when so much of the evolutionary process is being explained from a materialistic view, one of the most challenging questions for believers is how to envision the role of the Divine in the ongoing creation. Contemporary mystics have discovered powerful images that address this dilemma. In particular, Jesuit Pierre Teilhard de Chardin speaks eloquently on the Cosmic Christ hinted at in Paul’s epistle to the Ephesians (1:9-10 and 4:9-10). He sings the praises of Divine Wisdom (Prov. 8:22-36) in his poem entitled “Hagai Sophia.” He understands the world around us as a Divine Milieu.

During this retreat, we will read together several passages from Teilhard’s mystical essays using a Lectio Divina style, explore their relevance to the concerns of today’s world, and contemplate the presence of Divine Love at the heart of our ever-expanding Cosmos.

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