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Lent at Lakeside:  
My Heart as Sanctuary  
My Life as Prayer  
Devotion for  
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Where I'm From  
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I am from the rolling hills of southern Ohio  
From a city with Indian heritage  
With streets named after Indian tribes like Shawnee and Cherokee  
With a historic site of Indian mounds and an outdoor drama called Tecumseh.

Chillicothe means "principal place"  
And for me it was my principal place from kindergarten through high school.  
I grew up on one of those hills  
In a neighborhood of kids who played kickball in the street in the summer,  
explored the woods behind our house, and  
gathered on a neighboring hill to go sledding in the winter.

I am from years of family vacations at Hilton Head  
Before Hilton Head was Hilton Head.  
From seasons of Ohio State football (my parents are both alums)  
in the Horseshoe – nothing like it – and a trip to Pasadena for the Rose Bowl.

I am from time in the summer, along with my brother, with both sets of grandparents  
in northern Ohio playing croquet, reading comic books at my grandfather's drug  
store while he made hand lotion, and enjoying my grandmother's raisin and grape  
pies.

I am from parents who nurtured a love of art, music, and travel which I've enjoyed throughout my life.

I am from Sunday School, church, choir, flute playing, and Sunday night fellowship  
From mission trips where we learned to adapt to unexpected circumstances and see God's blessings in ways we never could have imagined.

I am from time spent with a special minister and his wife who, along with my family, helped ground my faith.

I am from looking back over my life and seeing the goodness of God all along the way – through opportunities, people, doors opened, and experiences.

I am from appreciating the hard times – the trials, disappointments, pain, and frustrations and what they've taught me about God and myself.

I am from a yearning to hear that still small voice  
To come to the quiet center  
“To clear the chaos and the clutter . . .  
To see the things that really matter  
To be at peace,  
And simply be.”

### **Proverbs 3:5-6**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;  
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

### **Psalms 46:10-11**

Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

### **Isaiah 41:10**

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

### **Prayer:**

Holy God, in every generation you call your people to contend  
against the powers of sin and betrayal.

Keep us steadfast even in our fear and uncertainty,  
that we may follow where Jesus has led the way. Amen.

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