

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

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“The world is charged with the grandeur of God.
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;”
-*God's Grandeur* by Gerard Manly Hopkins



I thought about the first two lines of this poem by Hopkins (a Victorian poet and life-long Anglican) when I saw a report or two on the evening newscasts the last couple of nights over the high visibility of the Northern Lights, nature's free light show in the northern hemisphere.

Though I can't see them from my vantage point on earth, even a glimpse on a small, flat screen, gives an image of brilliance to this splendor of creation made all the more dazzling this year from an explosive solar storm miles and miles and miles away.

I caught the videos on the newscasts and the subsequent ones posted on You Tube and other sites on the web. A nice diversion in a day that had been filled with tasks, which kept me tethered to a desk and a building and a chance to give thanks and homage to the Creator of the grandeur and heaven and earth as well.