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All God's Creatures

*Praise the Lord, all his creatures
in all the places he rules.
Praise the Lord, my soul! Psalm 103:22*

On a recent visit to Victoria, Lori and I toured the Orca Exhibit at the Royal BC Museum. I was reminded of the above scripture passage as I read the signs at the exhibit and I wanted to share a couple with you.

A MOTHER'S LOSS

In 2018, Tahlequah lost her daughter less than an hour after giving birth. For 17 days, Tahlequah held her child's body at the surface for other orcas and the world to see. Her "tour of grief" shone an international media spotlight on the plight of the endangered Southern Residents and forced people to ask: Can orcas grieve?

SCARLET

Scarlet was the miraculous baby of the Southern Residents. Scientists thought that her mother, Slick, was too old to give birth, and the pregnancy was challenging, perhaps because of Slick's age. Scarlet's birth was problematic, and Slick needed help from other orcas to deliver her baby. They gently used their teeth to pull Scarlet from her mother. Scarlet's name was chosen because her skin was scarred by the sharp teeth of the orca midwives.

As we grieve the horrors on the news, there is comfort and hope in providing help where we can.

We are Abounding in Hope,

[Roger Hyatt](#)

P.S. Please consider sharing your Hope. You can send us a letter for publication or even just a few of your thoughts to our email Hyatt.le.rc@gmail.com or via a phone call at 519-897-8315.

*"Our relationship with God and each other strengthens us, and helps make the world a better place.
We welcome and include **everyone** into congregational life."*

