

Arts & Faith

Art and Commentary for Pentecost +9, Proper 14C by [Hovak Najarian](#)

Introduction

Greetings to everyone associated with St. Margaret's Sunday Morning Forum,

We have at least two excellent photographers in our study group. It is always a treat when Jane Arthur and Vince Heuring share their art with us.

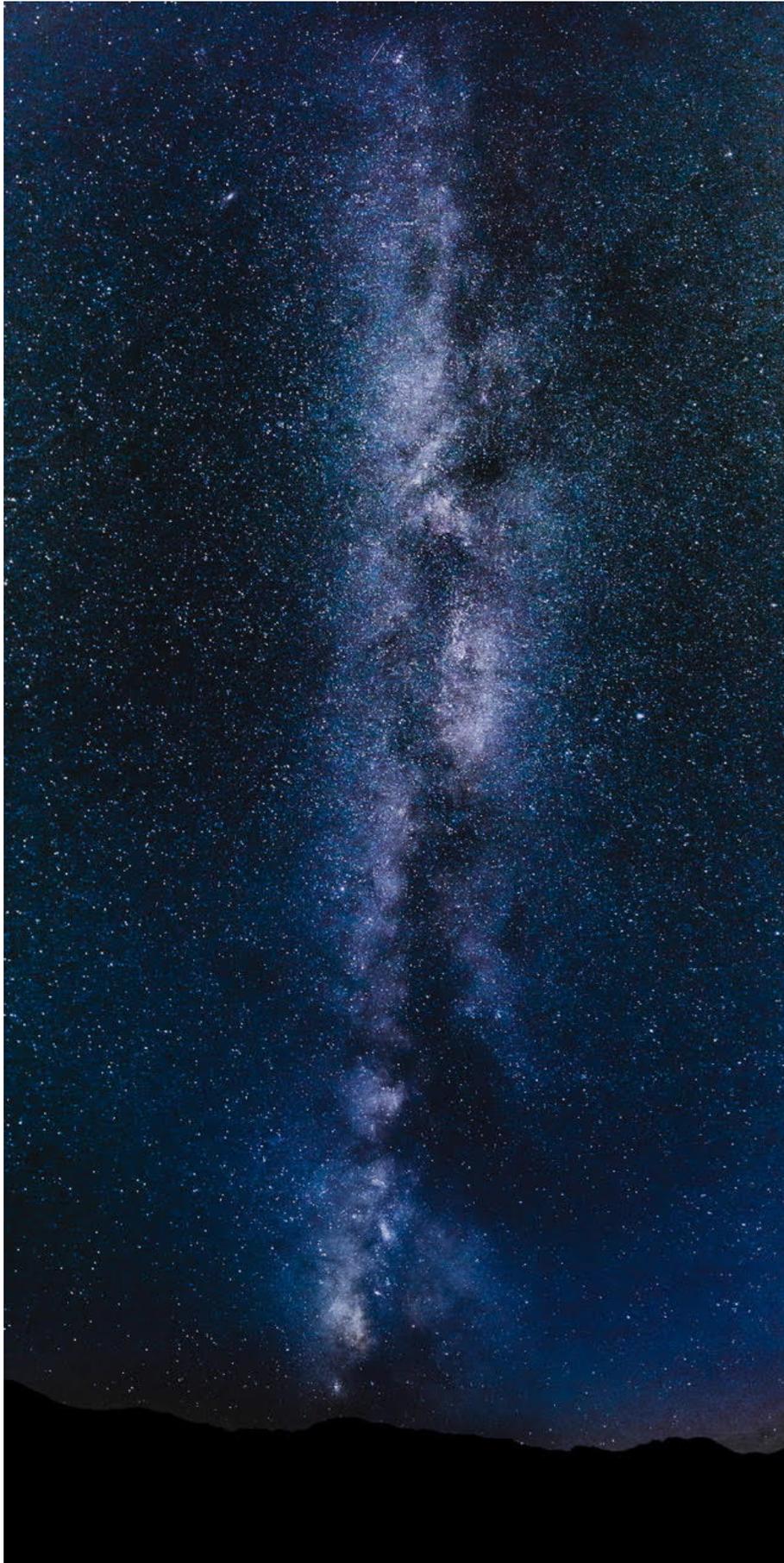
The night sky was brought to our attention recently with van Gogh's *Starry Night* and again last week with von Carolsfeld's *The Vision of the Lord Directing Abraham to Count the Stars*. The heavens on a clear night in a place where there is no light pollution is awesome and beyond what can be described in words. Vince Heuring's photograph of the night sky brings to mind the vastness and magnificence of the universe. Thank you Vince. ~Hovak

In the Old Testament lesson for Sunday, August 7, 2022 [[Genesis 15:1-6](#)] we read, "the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision." Abram (later Abraham) was very old when the Lord "took him outside and said, 'Look up at the sky and count the stars -- if indeed you can count them. Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.'"

Following is Vince Heuring's photograph, *Night Sky*, showing the Milky Way. Thank you Vince!

Here are some things to think about when you can't sleep. The Milky way (our galaxy) contains approximately a billion stars and in the universe there are millions and millions of other galaxies. There is no end to space and the farthest stars are more than thirteen billion light years away. A light year is how far light will travel in a year at the rate of 186,000 miles per second.

~Hovak Najarian



Night Sky. Vince Heuring. Photograph, 2022.