The Crocus

It takes courage to be crocus-minded.
Lord, I’d rather wait until June, like wise roses,
when the hazards of winter are safely behind,
and I’m expected, and everything is ready for roses.

But crocuses?
They are highly irregular knifing up through
hard, frozen ground and snow -
"sticking their necks out" because they believe in Spring
and have something personal and emphatic to say about it.

In this troubled world, there have to be some special people
who are willing to be crocus-minded -
willing to “stick their necks out,”
willing to care enough to think through
and to work through hard ground
because they believe in the promise of Spring.

You are one of these special people, and your courage
challenges and inspires us to likewise be crocus-minded.

We thank you, for your generous commitment
to Bethany and its promise of Spring
and for the courage and love that inspire you!

The CROCUS has been the symbol of Bethany House because this brave little flower breaks through cold, hard ground as it dares to push all obstacles aside and clears new ground for growth. This has been Bethany’s history as well, and the crocus has come to stand for the determination, strength, and quiet resiliency of Bethany’s spirit.