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## Letter from the Editor

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# Letters from the Editors

Dear Reader,

It is a joy to present you this volume of poems, photographs, stories, and more. Each of these pieces gives a small window into the Messiah community. Sorrow, joy, worship, hope, wonder...all of these and more fill the pages of this twenty-seventh edition of *The Peregrine Review*.

As I look at the work of these artists, I cannot help but think of the words of my favorite author, C.S. Lewis. In *An Experiment on Criticism*, he argues that we need literature because it gives us “windows” into the lives of others. Lewis writes, “We want to see with other eyes, to imagine with other imaginations, to feel with other hearts, as well as with our own.” I heartily agree with Lewis (as I am often apt to do), but I’d like to take it a step further and apply his reasoning to the consumption of any form of art. After all, we gain glimpses into other worlds through admiring paintings just as much as through reading poems.

But what is the importance of such windows for Christians? By enlarging our understandings of the world, we may better empathize with those around us. *Seeing* each other more fully through art can allow us to *love* each other more fully. In this way, art helps us fulfill one of the greatest commandments that Christ ever gave us: loving others (Mark 12:30-31).

Reader, as you journey through these pages, look for the windows. May they inspire you to love deeply, wonder extensively, and seek out all the windows beyond even what these pages can offer.

Sincerely,



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