

A cup.

A cup offered to you, to me, to us, and, from us, to others.

A cup of welcome.

A cup of invitation,

An invitation to share, to visit, to stay.

A stepping stone to a friendship, to a support system, to what matters.

A conduit for compassion, for consolation, for voicing concerns, for laughter, for sharing joy

In community.

What do you put in your cup?

Coffee, tea, water, milk, sugar, sweetener, honey?

Or sweat, hopes, dreams, determination and frustrations?

A cup.

So easy for us to fill to overflowing

At the expense of those we do not see.

It can be a cup...of salvation.

Much like what God offers to all, to us, to you, to me.

A cup filled with love, intentionality, respect, conscientiousness, and empowerment.

A cup--

Filled to the brim with such grace, can make a difference,

To a child, to a family, to a community.

Come join me;

A cup is waiting for you.

*J. Brown*

