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Crossings

for Bruce Modahl on his retirement

Both irises, each fingerprint, our own.

Each strand of DNA, ourself, whose bones
descend from Adam's dust, whose breath is God's.

And we are called by name,
each hair imprinted and the tiny bones
inside our ears.

We have a place ordained and gospel-light
to show our way, crossing our life
with his, each cell so clearly stamped "his own,"
and through him we are lords of all,
yet servants, too, Christ-kissed.