

CELEBRATIONS

AHSCKNYE: MIRACLES

- miracles: infinite possibility-

january 1, 2012

11:15

celebration leaders: howard hanger & world beat band

GATHERING

*you are encouraged to read the meditation readings,
and to hug, shake hands and know you are welcome here.*

welcome to celebrating the world of miracles

calling of the drums & the four directions

OPENING

a song to celebrate the miracle road

you are invited to **feed the hungry** by placing an offering in the hunger baskets on the altar.

should auld acquaintance be forgot,
and never brought to mind?
should auld acquaintance be forgot,
and auld lang syne!

(chorus)

for auld lang syne, my dear,
for auld lang syne.
we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
for auld lang syne.

and surely ye'll be your pint stowp!
and surely i'll be mine!
and we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
for auld lang syne.

(chorus)

we twa hae run about the braes,
and pou'd the gowans fine;
but we've wander'd mony a weary fit,
sin' auld lang syne.

(chorus)

we twa hae paidl'd in the burn,
frae morning sun till dine;
but seas between us braid hae roar'd
sin' auld lang syne.

(chorus)

and there's a hand, my trusty fere!
and gie's a hand o' thine!
and we'll tak a right gude-willie waught,
for auld lang syne.

(chorus)

(robert burns, 1788)

a gift of poetry

“just say, yes”

majo

OPENING

isaiah 45: 22-25

in the lord, all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and prosper.

luke 2: 25-40

mine eyes have seen your salvation.

reader: this is ancient wisdom and holy word.

people: thanks be to all that is wise and holy.

reader: all creation is wisdom and holy word.

people: all creation sings of wisdom and god. hallelujah!

singing the buddhist bowl

during this time, you are invited to pray or receive communion with a jubilee! prayer partner at the western wall alcove.

a song of assurance

ubi caritas, et amor,

ubi caritas, deus ibi est.

where love and caring are, there is god

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(trad. roman catholic song, arranged by taize brothers)

LEARNING

jubilee! in action

ways you can get involved with jubilee!

to make this world a better place

singing & sharing a holy peace

you are invited to offer god's peace to another and receive it, yourself.

reach out your hand if your cup be empty,

if your cup is full, may it be again.

let it be known there is a fountain

that was not made by the hands of man.

(w/m: r. hunter, j. garcia)

meditation

- miracles: the oddest of places –

howard hanger

SHARING

offering our money

a gift of song

“i'm beginning to see the light”

melissa hyman

dedicating our gifts to god

we're coming to the edge, running on the water,
coming through the fog, your sons and daughters...
sing the greatest song!
stand on a star and blaze a trail of love
through the dark of the dawn.
let the rivers run!
let all the dreamers wake the nations.
come, the new jerusalem!
(w/m: carly simon)

BLESSING

benediction for the week ahead

awake, my soul! awake, my soul! awake, my soul!
you were made to meet your maker.
(w/m: mumford & sons)

postlude

the western wall in the celebration area is there for your prayer requests. you may also visit the wall to read the requests and offer a prayer. please initial the paper to acknowledge that prayers have been said for that request.

meditation readings

(collected by anne wray)

then alone do we know god truly, when we believe that god is far beyond all that we can possibly think of god.

❖ thomas aquinas

there will always be more to gaze and marvel at, even on the level of the commonplace, than we will ever be able to attend to.

❖ paul west, "life with swan"

he believed there was a mystery at the center of the great big *why-is-there-anything* called the universe, and that it did not speak to us, or not in any language we could understand, and that is was an insult to the mystery to pretend that it did.

❖ kevin brockmeier, "the illumination"

if you look for the extraordinary in the ordinary, you can train yourself to see it.

❖ richard carlson, don't sweat the small stuff

if the doors of perception were cleansed
everything would appear to man as it is,
infinite

❖ william blake

the universe is infinite in every direction.

❖ freeman dyson

all concepts of god are like a jar we break,
because only the infinite can contain our perfect love.

❖ st. teresa of avila

we've always been here and we'll always be here. we are a specific arrangement of particles and this instant is infinite. did we luck out, or didn't we? the odds against this sentence having ever being typed, much less the odds against you reading it were inconceivable. smile, because the fact that you're able to is almost impossible to comprehend.

❖ jeffrey rowland

what looked like the end of the road was, in fact, merely a shift to the left or to the right or a dip or a gradual rise.

❖ paul harding, "tinkers"

one instant is eternity;

eternity is the now.

when you see through this one instant,

you see through the one who sees.

❖ wu-men