

CELEBRATIONS

VIA CREATIVA: COLORS OF THE WIND

color of a calling

january 16, 2011

9:45 & 11:15

celebration leaders: howard hanger

the 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 path of creativity

calling of the drums & the four directions

OPENING

a song to celebrate colors of the wind

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

when you're down and troubled
and you need some loving care
and nothing, nothing is going right,
close your eyes and think of me
and soon i will be there
to brighten up even your darkest night.

(chorus) you just call out my name
and you know wherever i am
i'll come running to see you again.
winter, spring, summer or fall,
all you have to do is call
and i'll be there.
you've got a friend.

if the sky above you
grows dark and full of clouds
and that old north wind begins to blow,
keep your head together
and call my name out loud
soon you'll hear me knocking at your door.
(chorus)

ain't it good to know that you've got a friend
when people can be so cold?
they'll hurt you, and desert you
and take your soul if you let them.
oh, but don't you let them.
(chorus)
(w/m: carole king)

a gift of story & poem

"nursing"

mary beth moscinski

ACCEPTING

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

singing the buddhist bowl

a song of assurance

in the mist of the morning we open
to all of the gifts of the day.
we open our hearts to take it all in
and give it all back in our way.

let us sing of the beauty around us!
let us sing of the beauty within!
o, hear the earth tell that all shall be well.
anam cara, anam cara, soul friend.
(w/m: h.hanger)

LEARNING

1 samuel 3:1-10
here i am; for you called me.

surah al qsas 28:2-7
we shall restore him to you and shall invest him with a mission.

john 1:43-51
come and see!

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 & sharing a holy peace

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

reach out you 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 hand of man.
(w/m: r. hunter, j. garcia)

meditation

- **the color of a calling** -
howard hanger

BLESSING

offering our money

dedicating our gifts to god

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)

benediction for the creative journey

may the blessings of god be upon you,
may god's peace abide in you
may god's spirit illuminate your heart
now and forever more.
(trad. sufi blessing)

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)

The Qu'ran literally means "The Recitation," as the book was recited to Muhammad by the angel Jibril (Gabriel) beginning in the 15th year of his meditative seclusion from society. The teachings he received transformed him from an orphaned shepherd who lived in a cave into a revolutionary messenger- Muslims revere him as the last of the Abrahamic prophets. In our modern world, the radicalization of religion often separates us from the wisdom and meaningfulness of our sacred texts. While the Qu'ran could be cited as advocating violence and discrimination, so could the Torah and Bible. There's great wisdom to be found in this book, if we're willing to focus on the moral and ethical virtues we share in common with the vast majority of Muslims, and not on what is alien and objectionable to our society. The Qu'ran offers beauty, peace and love as ways of life; the key to understanding it is not in what you've been told about Islam, but in your own personal relationship the Holy.

❖ Jay Joslin

take the first step in faith. you don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.

❖ martin luther king, jr.

everything in our lives has brought us to exactly where we are. when we don't already know what is calling us to act, all we need to do is look and listen right where we are--it will probably be near.

❖ ram dass and mirabai bush, compassion in action

it comes from the latin *vocare*, to call, and means the work a man is called to by god. . . the place god calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.

❖ frederick buechner, wishful thinking

maybe all the secrets to life were written on the surface of leaves, waiting to be translated. if i touched them long enough, i might be given some information that no one else had.

❖ silas house, parchment of leaves

tell me, what is it you plan to do
with your one wild and precious life?

❖ mary oliver, "the summer day"

inside you there's an artist you don't know about . . . say yes quickly, if you know, if you've known it from before the beginning of the universe.

❖ rumi

learn to get in touch with the silence within yourself and know that everything in this life has a purpose.

❖ elisabeth kubler-ross

think of yourself as an incandescent power, illuminated and perhaps forever talked to by god and his messengers.

❖ brenda ueland

there is only one of you in all time, this expression is unique, and if you block it, it will never exist through any other medium and will be lost.

❖ martha graham

all you need to do to receive guidance is to ask for it and then listen.

❖ sanaya roman

this precious human birth is unrepeatable. so what will you do today, knowing that you are one of the rarest forms of life to ever walk the earth? how will you carry yourself? what will you do with your hands? what will you ask and of whom?

❖ mark nepo, book of awakening