

CELEBRATIONS

VIA CREATIVA: COLORS OF THE WIND

color of connection

january 9, 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.

you think you own whatever land you land on
the earth is just a dead thing you can claim
but i know every rock and tree and creature
has a life, has a spirit, has a name

you think the only people who are people
are the people who look and think like you
but if you walk the footsteps of a stranger
you'll learn things you never knew you never knew

(chorus) have you ever heard the wolf cry to the blue corn moon
or asked the grinning bobcat why he grinned?
can you sing with all the voices of the mountain?
can you paint with all the colors of the wind?
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come run the hidden pine trails of the forest
come taste the sun-sweet berries of the earth
come roll in all the riches all around you
and for once, never wonder what they're worth

the rainstorm and the river are my brothers
the heron and the otter are my friends
and we are all connected to each other,
in a circle, in a hoop that never ends

(chorus)

(w: s. schwartz, m: a. menken)

a gift of song

“riu riu chiu”

jubilee singers

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)

a gift of video

d.c. adventures
coming of age class (middle school)

LEARNING

isaiah 42: 1-7

i have given you as a covenant to the people - a light to the nations.

sura al-'Imran 3: 103-104

let there be a community of you who invite to what is good...

mark 1: 4-11

he saw the heavens torn apart and the spirit descending like a dove on him.

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 connection

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 love be upon you,
may its peace abide in you
may its 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)

i have often felt myself to be a point of light, connected to everyone i have ever loved or mattered to, each also being a point of light, in turn connected to those they love, so that somehow we are all part of a vast web of twinkling lights.

❖ jean shinoda bolen, crossing to avalon

as long as you remember that you're not creating alone, the flow cannot be stopped.

❖ sarah ban breathnach

something there is, invisible
vectoring between;
riding sun blown or moon-ribboned
highways of the air i breathe and share
with every creature, blossom, tree's
inhaling and exhaling of the air.

❖ martha o. adams, what your heart needs to know

call it a clan, call it a network, call it a tribe, call it a family. whatever you call it, whoever you are, you need one.

❖ jane howard

to be rooted is perhaps the most important and least recognized need of the human soul.

❖ simone weil

i am a part of parcel of the whole, and i cannot find god apart from the rest of humanity.

❖ mahatma gandhi

blessed be you, universal matter, immeasurable time, boundless ether, triple abyss of stars and atoms and generations: you who by overflowing and dissolving our narrow standards or measurements reveal to us the dimensions of god.

❖ pierre teilhard de chardin

we are beginning to reach out, to touch the flesh of other planets, the flesh that the universe is. this is part of our creation story today---that we all participate in the same flesh, all derive from the same origin, and that all flesh is connected.

❖ matthew fox, sins of the spirit, blessings of the flesh

seen from space, earth has no national borders, no military zones, no visible fences. quite the opposite. you can see how storm systems swirling above a continent may well affect the grain yield half a world away. the entire atmosphere of the planet---all the air we breathe, all the sky we fly through, even the ozone layer---is visible as the thinnest rind. the picture eloquently reminds one that earth is a single organism.

❖ diane ackerman, the rarest of the rare

