

CELEBRATIONS

A.H.S.C.K.N.Y.E. - MIRACLES

- miracle of expectation –

november 27, 2011

9:45 & 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 no road

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

o come, o come, emmanuel
and ransom captive israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the son of god appear.
rejoice! rejoice!
emmanuel shall come to thee, o israel!

o come, desire of nations bind
all peoples in one heart and mind
bid envy, strife and quarrels cease.
fill the whole earth heavenly peace.
rejoice! rejoice!
emmanuel shall come to thee, o israel!

o come, thou dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here,
disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and death's dark shadows put to flight,
rejoice! rejoice!
emmanuel shall come to thee, o israel!

veni, veni, emanuel
captivum solve Israel!
qui gemit in exilio
privates dei filio
gaude! gaude! emanuel
nascetur pro te, israel.
(w: anon, 12th century, m: plainsong, 15th century)

a gift of social justice

gandhi team
jackie bowman

OPENING

psalm 80: 1-7
let thy face shine that we may be saved.

mark 13: 33-37
you do not know when...

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
where love and caring are, there is god
(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

- **miracle of expectation** -
howard hanger

SHARING

offering our money

a gift of song

"...to be continued"
terry kirkpatrick

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)

for god is seldom in our plans, but always in the unexpected. . .
to listen is to continually give up all expectation and to give our attention,
completely and freshly, to what is before us, not really knowing what we will
hear or what that will mean. in the practice of our days, to listen is to lean in,
softly, with a willingness to be changed by what we hear.

❖ mark nepo

the season when to come, and when to go,
to sing, or cease to sing, we never know.

❖ alexander pope

the sacred continuum of love is what makes miracles possible: spirit's love for
us, our love for each other, our love for spirit.

❖ sarah ban breathnach

we must be willing to get rid of the life we've planned, so as to have the life that
is waiting for us.

❖ joseph campbell

we shall shiver with cold and fright
but things will happen to us
so that we don't know ourselves.

❖ d.h. lawrence

no longer forward nor behind
i look in hope or fear;
but, grateful, take the good i find,
the best of now and here.

❖ john greenleaf whittier

i prefer not to ask how much longer and when.
i prefer keeping in mind even the possibility
that existence has its own reason for being.

❖ wislawa szymborska

he wants only one, most precious thing:
to see, purely and simply, without name,
without expectations, fears, or hopes,
at the edge where there is no i or not-i.

❖ czeslaw milosz

. . . that, softened by the silence,
surrounded by the light,
and open to the mystery,
i may be found by wholeness
upheld by the unfathomable,
entranced by the simple,
and filled with the joy
that is you.

❖ ted loder