

CELEBRATIONS

VIA NEGATIVA: Unwelcome Guests

- feeling disregarded –

november 6, 2011

8:30, 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 dark side

a gift of song

“earth song”
jubilee! singers

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.

sometimes i feel like a motherless child
sometimes i feel like a motherless child
sometimes i feel like a motherless child
a long way from home
a long way from home.

sometimes i feel like there's nobody there (3x)
a long way from home
a long way from home.

sometimes i feel like i'm almost gone (3x)
a long way from home
a long way from home.

i know the lord's gonna guide me along (3x)
a long way from home
a long way from home
(trad. african/american spiritual)

a gift of song

“a gift”
alex krug

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

keep your heart above your head and your eyes wide open

so the world won't find a way to leave you cold.
know you're not the only ship out on the ocean.
save your strength for things that you can change,
forgive the ones you can't,
gotta let it go.
(w/m: b. caver, l. brown)

a gift of team music

"the change"
world beat band

the baptism of jason aslan burleson (11:15)

born on
august 2, 2011
in asheville, north carolina
to sara duncan

LEARNING

ruth 1: 1-15
the lord has dealt bitterly with me... where you go, i will go.

sura ash-shar (the relief) 94: 1-8
have we not taken off from you your burden?

luke 17: 11-19
get up and go on your way.

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 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

- **feeling disregarded** -
howard hanger

communing with bread and wine

*8:30 celebration - first sunday of the month only.
you may pray with a jubilee! prayer partner at the western wall.*

BLESSING

offering our money

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)

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)

others must be regarded like the self,
with love that is all embracing and excludes nobody.
❖ fung yu lan, translator of "the book of mozi"

there is something wrong with any spirituality that does not inspire selfless concern for others.

❖ karen armstrong, "twelve steps to a compassionate life"

the conception of worth, that each person is an end per se, is not a mere abstraction. our interest in it is not merely academic. every outcry against the oppression of some people by other people, or against what is morally hideous is the affirmation of the principle that a human being as such is not to be violated. a human being is not to be handled as a tool but is to be respected and revered.

❖ felix adler, "an ethical philosophy of life"

spite, hatred, envy, and ingratitude shrink our horizons and limit our creativity, gratitude, compassion, and altruism. broaden our perspective and break down the barricades we erect between ourselves and others in order to protect the frightened, greedy, insecure ego.

❖ robert emmons

the mystics and sages of all times and cultures have tried to reveal to us what they have discovered: that we are in the ground like a fish in the sea, like a bird in the air, and have tried to help us dissolve the illusion of our separate existence so that we would experience ourselves here and now, in this dimension, as what we truly are - divine being.

❖ andrew harvey and anne baring, "the mystic vision"

"everything belongs" has become my motto and mantra, says catholic priest and retreat leader richard rohr. by keeping an open mind and spirit, we reach out to the stranger and to all those who are different from us.

❖ frederic and mary ann brussat, "spiritual literacy"

no matter what we do, we can make it our ministry. no matter what form our job or activity takes, the content is the same as everyone else's: we are here to minister to human hearts. if we talk to anyone, or see anyone, or even think of anyone, then we have the opportunity to bring more love to the universe. from a waitress to the head of a movie studio, from an elevator operator to the president of a nation, there is no one whose job is unimportant to god.

❖ marianne williamson, "a return to love"

i and you - we are infinite, rich, large, contradictory, living, breathing miracles - free human beings, children of god and the everlasting universe. that's what we do.

❖ robert fulghum, "it was on fire when I lay down on it"

god has been thinking of me since before i was born, for all eternity. god loves us more than we love ourselves.

