

CELEBRATIONS

VIA CREATIVA: COLORS OF THE WIND

color of pleasure

february 27, 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.

slow down. you move too fast,
got to make the morning last.
just kicking down the cobble stones
lookin' for fun and feelin' groovy.

hello, lamp post, whatcha knowin'?
come to watch your flowers growin'.
ain't you got no rhymes for me?
dootin' doo-doo, feelin' groovy.

ba-da-da-da-da-da-da feelin' groovy.
ba-da-da-da-da-da-da feelin' groovy.

i've got no deeds to do, no promises to keep.
i'm dappled and drowsy and ready to sleep.
let the morning time drop all its petals on me.
life, i love you,
all is groovy.

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(w/m: p. simon)

a gift of didgeridoo

corey costanzo

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 photography

“colors of pleasure”
sandy swanson

LEARNING

hosea 2: 14-16

i will now allure her, bring her into the wilderness and speak tenderly...

sura 16: 68-69

from the bee's belly comes forth a syrup of different hues, a cure for people.

mark 2: 18-22

the wedding guests cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them.

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

meditation

- **the color of pleasure** -
howard hanger

BLESSING

offering our money

gift of song

“power to the people”
world beat band & hot chick singers

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

i would like to hold my little hand
and we will run, we will. we will crawl, we will.
i would like to hold my little hand
and we will run, we will. we will crawl, we will.
send me on my way – on my way
send me on my – on my way
send me on my way-ay-ay-ay.
(w/m rusted root)

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 try not to miss anything.
i think, in my whole life, i have never missed
the full moon
or the slipper of its coming back.
or, a kiss.
well, yes, especially a kiss.
❖ mary oliver, "when," swan

that man is richest whose pleasures are cheapest.
❖ henry david thoreau

as a rule, it was the pleasure-haters who became unjust.
❖ w.h. auden

if a creation is a blessing and a constantly original one, then our proper response would be to enjoy it. pleasure is one of the deepest spiritual experiences of our lives. ecstasy is the experience of god. . . .
❖ matthew fox, original blessing

god is voluptuous and delicious.
❖ meister eckhart

playing around is a good and holy thing. don't ever let anyone tell you otherwise. it enables us to express ourselves creatively, to use our intuition and imagination, to savor pleasure and the lightness of being, and to make our humble contribution to the unfinished masterpiece of the world.
❖ frederic and mary ann brussat, spiritual literacy

pleasures are manifestations of god's name.
❖ baal shem tov

we can with his grace and his help persevere in spiritual contemplation, with endless wonder at the high, surpassing, immeasurable love which our lord in his goodness has for us; and therefore we may with reverence ask from our lover all that we will, for our natural will is to have god, and god's good will is to have us, and we can never stop willing or loving until we possess him in the fullness of joy.
❖ julian of norwich

all praise be yours, my lord. through sister earth, our mother, who feeds us in her sovereignty and produces various fruits and colored flowers and herbs.

❖ francis of assisi

if god didn't want us to experience pleasure, why would she create us with the capacity to experience love, joy, bliss, and delight?

...authentic pleasure cannot be bought, sold or traded. we can receive pleasure from big things and little things alike. the pleasure that is experienced when taking a warm bath sprinkled with drops of soothing rose essential oil is not better than the pleasure experienced from completing a challenging project successfully. it's a matter of allowing your body to feel pleasure and giving yourself permission to experience pleasure.

❖ debreena jackson gandy, all the joy you can stand