

# CELEBRATIONS

**Via Transformativa: sailing  
“courageous trust”**

**april 13, 2008**

**9:45 & 11:15**

**celebration leaders: howard hanger  
the world beat band**

## GATHERING

**prelude & welcome to celebrating sailing**

you are encouraged to read the meditation readings,  
and to hug, shake hands and greet some images of the holy.

**call of the drums**

we call the holy one from the four directions with the burning of sweet grass and sage

## OPENING

**a song to celebrate courageous trust**

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

come and go with me to that land,  
come and go with me to that land,  
come and go with me to that land where i'm bound  
*(repeat)*

there'll be freedom in that land...  
there'll be justice in that land...  
there'll be singin' in that land,,  
there'll be lovin' in that land...  
come and go with me to that land...  
*(trad. american spiritual)*

**a gift of song**

“diamond rose”  
utah green

## ACCEPTING

**prayer/meditation for courageous trust**

*there will be someone at the western wall alcove to pray with you as you choose)*

all, all shall be well  
all, all shall be well.  
all manner of things shall be well.  
all, all shall be well.

*(w: julian of norwich, m: h.hanger)*

**singing/healing bowl**

*(you are invited to play your own bowl and/or allow the sound of the buddhist bowls  
to open you and maybe hear your name called.)*

### **a song of assurance**

siya hamba kuk hanayen kwen kos  
siya hamba kuk hanayen kwen kos  
(2x)  
siya hamba, siya hamba,  
siya hamba kuk hanayen kwen kos  
(2x)  
*we are walking in the light of god...*  
(trad. zulu song)

### **a gift of story**

“healing”  
mary o’shannon

### **the baptism of sophia “bella” glover**

born on  
april 14, 2007  
to  
billie & jonathan glover

## **LEARNING**

psalm 23  
*you are with me.*

john 10: 1-10  
*i came that they may have life and have it abundantly.*

### **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 from the hand of man.  
(w/m r. hunter, j.garcia)

### **a meditation: sailing with courageous trust**

#### **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**

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)*

### **a bon voyage blessing**

sailing takes me away  
to where i've always heard it could be.  
just a dream and a wind to carry me.  
soon i will be free.  
believe me.  
*(w/m christopher cross)*

## **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)*

when a bird remains long on the ground it thereby weakens its wings and its feathers grow heavy. then it rises, flaps its wings and swings itself up till it takes to the air and glides into flight. the longer it flies, the more blissfully it soars, refreshing itself, hardly alighting on the earth to rest. so it is with the soul: we must prepare ourselves in the same way if we wish to come to god. we must rise on wings of longing up to him.

□ mechtild of magdeburg

on a day when the wind is perfect,  
the sail just needs to open and the world is full of beauty.  
today is such a day.

□ rumi, *love poems from god*, daniel ladinsky, editor and translator

my soul is alive  
and these dreams are real  
i will not let fear rule my life  
or how i feel inside my heart  
all the rest of my days  
on the wings of a dove  
carry me away.

□ jeff black, "the valley"

when you come to the edge of all that you have known,  
one of two things will happen.  
either you will step onto solid ground  
or you will learn how to fly.

□ anonymous

to float, upheld,  
as salt water would hold you.  
once you dared.

□ denise levertov

fold your wings, my soul,  
those wings you had spread wide to soar to the terrestrial peaks  
where the light is most ardent: it is for you simply to wait  
the descent of the fire---supposing it to be willing to take possession of you.

□ pierre teilhard de chardin

tilting through the water, unruffled, sure,  
by the laws of their faith not logic,  
they opened their wings  
softly and stepped  
over every dark thing.  
□ mary oliver

the air with its penetrating strength, characterizes the victorious banner that is trust.  
it gives light to the fire's flame and sprinkles the imagination of believers with the dew of  
hope.  
thus does trust show the way. those who breathe this dew long for heavenly things.  
they carry within refreshing, fulfilling, greening love, with which they hasten to the aid  
of all.  
with the passion of heavenly yearning, they produce rich fruit.  
□ hildegard of bingen

only one thing is important,  
whether we are brave or cowardly: to be always there where god will have us,  
and for the rest to trust him. there is no other remedy against fear  
but to abandon ourselves to god's will.  
□ bernanos