

# CELEBRATIONS

**via positiva: one love**

**overlooking**

**july 6, 2008**

**8:30, 9:45 & 11:15**

**celebration leaders: howard hanger**

**the world beat band**

## GATHERING

**prelude & welcome to celebrating one love**

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

**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 one love**

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

i see trees of green, red roses too.  
i see them blooming for me and you  
and i think to myself:  
what a wonderful world!

i see skies of blue, clouds of white,  
bright blessed day and the dark sacred night  
and i think to myself:  
what a wonderful world!

the colors of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky  
are also on the faces of people going by.  
i see friends shaking hands,  
saying how do you do?  
they're really saying, i love you.

i hear babies crying. i watch them grow.  
they'll learn much more than i'll ever know  
and i think to myself:  
what a wonderful world!  
yes, i think to myself:  
what a wonderful world!  
*(w/m g.d. weiss & b. thiele)*

# **ACCEPTING**

## **prayer/song for overlooking**

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

immortal, invisible, god only wise,  
in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the ancient of days,  
we marvel and wonder and offer thee praise.

unresting, unhasting and silent as light,  
nor wanting nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above...  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

*(w: w.c.smith; m: trad welsh melody)*

## **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)*

# **LEARNING**

amos 7: 10-15

*i am no prophet...*

mark 6: 7-13

*he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two...*

## **singing & sharing a holy peace**

*(you are invited to offer god's peace to another and receive it, yourself)*

shalom chaverim, shalom chavarim  
shalom! Shalom!  
lehitraot, lehitraot,  
shalom, shalom!

*(trad jewish greeting and farewell)*

## **meditation on overlooking**

### **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**

imagine no possessions, i wonder if you can,  
no need for greed or hunger, nor folks with empty hands.  
imagine all the people sharing all the world...  
you may say i'm a dreamer,  
but i'm not the only one.  
i hope someday you'll join us  
and the world shall live as one.  
*(w/m – j. lennon)*

## **a one love blessing**

sayin' one love! what about the one heart? one heart!  
let's get together and feel all right.  
as it was in the beginning: one love,  
so shall it be in the end, one heart,  
give thanks and praise to the lord and I will feel all right,  
singin' let's get together and feel all right.  
*(w/m – b. marley)*

## **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)*

every day some miracle happens.

- mother teresa

in one atom are found all the elements of the earth; in one motion of the mind are found the motions of all the laws of existence; in one drop of water are found the secrets of all the endless oceans; in one aspect of you are found all the aspects of existence.

- kahlil gibran

there are many, many gates to the sacred and they are as wide as we need them to be.

- sherry ruth anderson and patricia hopkins, the feminine face of god

awakening, enlightenment, epiphany: all of these concepts involve the light necessary not to see with our eyes, but with the spirit that binds creation . . .

- thomas dyja, awake

creation is god's litter, and all are nursed;  
some grow more plump than others, indeed.

- st. thomas aquinas, love poems from god, daniel ladinsky

in the rush and noise of life, as you have intervals, step within yourselves and be still.  
wait upon god and feel his good presence; this will carry you through your day's business.

- william penn

the moment one gives close attention to anything, even a blade of grass, it becomes a mysterious, awesome, indescribably magnificent world in itself.

- henry miller

i don't know exactly what a prayer is.  
i do know how to pay attention, how to fall down into the grass,  
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,  
which is what i have been doing all day.  
tell me, what else should i have done?  
doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?  
tell me, what is it you plan to do  
with your one wild and precious life?

- mary oliver, from "the summer day," new and selected poems

i betook myself to prayer and in every lonely place i found an altar.

- elizabeth, bondswoman and minister, 1766, an altar of words, bylye avery

the universe was not made in jest but in solemn earnest. by a power that is unfathomably secret, and holy, and fleet. there is nothing to be done about it, but ignore it, or see. and then you walk freely, eating what you must, growing wherever you can, like the monk on the road who knows precisely how vulnerable he is, who takes no comfort among death-forgetting men, and who carries his vision of vastness and might around in his tunic like a live coal which neither burns nor warms him, but with which he will not part.

- annie dillard, pilgrim at tinker creek