

CELEBRATIONS

AHSCKNYE: OUTSIDE THE BOX
OUTSIDE THE KNOWLEDGE BOX

first sunday of advent

november 29, 2009

9:45 & 11:15

celebration leaders: howard hanger
the world beat band

GATHERING

prelude & welcome to celebrating the holy days...

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 advent-ure

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, thou dayspring from on high
and order all things far and nigh
disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and death's dark shadow, put to flight.
rejoice! rejoice!
emmanuel shall come to thee, o, israel!

o come, thou wisdom ever here
and guide all things both far and near.
to each of us, compassion show;
and cause us in her ways to go.
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 with heaven's peace,
rejoice! rejoice!
emmanuel shall come to thee, o, israel!

veni, veni emmanuel,
captivum solve Israel,
qui gemit in exilio
privatus dei filio.
gaude! gaude!
emmanuel nascetur pro te israel.

(trad. latin hymn, 12th century)

a gift of song

“one”

luna ray

**the baptism of
evan shepler nagle (9:45)**

born on

june 10, 2009

to

heather & john nagle

**the baptism of
jackson ray telford (11:15)**

born on

september 27, 2008

to

laura & rick telford

ACCEPTING

*(during this prayer time, you are invited to pray with a jubilee! prayer partner
at the western wall alcove.)*

let all mortal flesh keep silence
and with fear and rapture stand;
ponder the eternal wisdom -
fill our dreams and hopes expand.
may good trust be found and expectation swell
holy love be close at hand.

(4th century greek words/medieval French melody, adapted)

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

how silently, how silently
the wondrous gift is given.
so god imparts to every heart
the gifts of earth and heaven.
no ear may hear it's coming,
but on good mother earth
to all who seek both love and joy
will come a glad new birth.

(w: p. brooks, m: l. render, adapted)

a gift of poetry

“miracle”

aliyah schick

LEARNING

psalm 80: 1-7

let thy face shine that we may be saved.

mark 13: 33-37

you do not know when...

singing & sharing a holy peace

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

shalom chaverim, shalom chaverim
shalom, shalom
l'hit-rah-oat, l'hit-rah-oat
shalom, shalom.
(trad jewish blessing)

meditation

outside the knowledge box

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 blessing for the dark road

we wish you a cheerful hanukkah!
we wish you a merry christmas!
glad solstice, joyful kwanza!
and a happy new year!
good tidings we bring to both far and near
good tidings for the holy days and a happy new year!

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)

the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new lands, but in seeing with new eyes.

☐ marcel proust

for the soul is a wanderer with many hands and feet.
the map must be of sand and can't be read by ordinary light.
it must carry fire to the next tribal town, for renewal of spirit.

☐ joy harjo , a map to the next world: poems

the nature of god is a circle of which the center is everywhere
and the circumference is nowhere.

☐ empedocles

sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star.

☐ james montgomery, "angels from the realms of glory"

the eye with which i see god
is the same eye with which god sees me.

□ meister eckhart

every exit is an
entry somewhere else.
tom stoppard

mary, ground of all being, greetings!
greetings to you, lovely and loving mother!
you birthed to earth your son,
you birthed the son of god from heaven
by breathing the spirit of god.

□ hildegard of bingen

thinking is more interesting than knowing,
but less interesting than looking.

□ goethe

life is more true than reason will deceive
(more secret or than madness did reveal)
deeper is life than lose: higher than have
---but beauty is more each than living's all

□ e.e. cummings, *selected poems*