

CELEBRATIONS

via creativa: no place like home
february 15, 2009
where you learn what's important
9:45 & 11:15
celebration leaders: howard hanger
the world beat band

GATHERING

prelude & welcome to celebrating no place like home

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 where you learn what's important

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

you, who are on the road
must have a code that you can live by.
and so, become yourself
because the past is just a goodbye.

teach your children well,
their father's hell did slowly go by.
and feed them on your dreams,
the one they picked, the one you'll know by.

don't you ever ask them why, if they told you, you will cry,
so just look at them and sigh and know they love you.

and you of tender years,
can't know the fears that your elders grew by;
and so, please help them with your youth,
they seek the truth before they can die.

teach your parents well,
their children's hell will slowly go by.
and feed them on your dreams,
the one they picks, the one you'll know by.

don't you ever ask them why, if they told you, you will cry,
so just look at them and sigh and know they love you.

(w/m: g. nash)

a gift of song

"love"
utah green

ACCEPTING

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

spirit of the living god, fall afresh on me.
spirit of the living god, fall afresh on me.
free me, guide me, fill me, teach me.
spirit of the living god, fall afresh on me.
(w/m: w. hamilton, 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

in the mists 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: howard hanger)

blessing of a bicycle (and laurey masterton)

LEARNING

deuteronomy 30: 15-20
choose life so that you and your descendants may live.

matthew 5: 21-26
first, be reconciled to your brother or sister...

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: j.garcia & r. hunter)

meditation on where you learn what's important

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 of home

for the earth forever turning,
for the skies, for every sea,
for our lives and all creation
sing we our joyful song of peace.

for the earth we raise our voices,
for the home that gives us birth.
in our joy, we sing returning
home to our blue-green hills of earth.
(w/m paul winter, adapted)

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)

love god and do what you will.

☐ st. augustine

as the star of healing is balanced in the heavens, and swerves not from its path
in its time and its seasons, so also shall you remain fixed in your path of truth.

☐ buddhist faith

love one another and you will be happy.

it's as simple and as difficult as that. there is no other way.

☐ leunig, a common prayer

what is my experience of god's will?

everyone is a traveler. most all need lodging, food and clothes.

i let enter my mouth what will enrich me.

i wear what will make my eye content, i sleep where

i will wake with the strength to deeply love.

☐ st. teresa of avila

until we know that god lives in us and we can see him there,
a great poverty we suffer.

☐ rabia

whenever i get home – whenever -
somebody loves me there.

☐ mary oliver

whatever happens,
those who have learned

to love one another
have made their way to the lasting world
and will not leave,
whatever happens.
□ wendell berry

it is good to have an end to journey toward;
but it is the journey that matters, in the end.
□ ursula k. leguin

i don't worry about the meaning *of* life - i can't handle that big stuff. what
concerns me is the meaning *in* life - day by day, hour by hour, while i'm doing
whatever it is that i do.
□ robert fulghum, it was on fire when i lay down on it