

CELEBRATIONS

via creativa: no place like home
february 8, 2009
where you can shine
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 can shine

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

sometimes in our lives we all have pain
we all have sorrow
but if we are wise
we know that there's always tomorrow

lean on me, when you're not strong
and I'll be your friend
i'll help you carry on
for it won't be long
'til I'm gonna need
somebody to lean on

please swallow your pride
if I have things you need to borrow
for no one can fill those of your needs
that you don't let show
(chorus)

if there is a load you have to bear
that you can't carry
i'm right up the road
i'll share your load
if you just call me

so just call on me brother, when you need a hand
we all need somebody to lean on
i just might have a problem that you'd understand
we all need somebody to lean on
(chorus)
(w/m by bill withers)

a gift of song

"here comes the light"
jubilee! singers

ACCEPTING

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

this little light of mine, i'm gonna let it shine.
this little light of mine, i'm gonna let it shine.
this little light of mine, i'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

every day in every way, i'm gonna let it shine.
every day in every way, i'm gonna let it shine.
every day in every way, i'm gonna let it shine.
(trad. american spiritual)

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)

a gift of song

“homeward bound”
amanda levesque

LEARNING

song of solomon 5: 10-16
my beloved is all radiant and ruddy.

matthew 5: 13-20
you are salt... you are light...

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 can shine

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)

home ought to be our clearinghouse, the place from which we go forth lessoned and disciplined, and ready for life.

□ kathleen norris

our life, exempt from public haunt, finds tongues in trees, books in running brooks, sermons, and good in everything.

□ william shakespeare

i'm like bacteria. wherever i am, i thrive.

□ christopher during

let us think of our soul as resembling a castle
formed of a single diamond, or a very transparent crystal containing many
rooms . . .

nothing can be compared to the great beauty and capabilities of our soul.

□ teresa of avila

be the salt of the earth. bring out the true flavor of what it is to be alive truly.
be truly alive. be life givers to others. that is what jesus tells the disciples to be.
that is what jesus tells his church, tells us, to be and do. love each other.

□ frederick buechner

be at peace with your own soul, then heaven and earth will be at peace with you. enter eagerly into the treasure house that is within you, you will see the things that are in heaven; for there is but one single entry to them both. the ladder that leads to the kingdom is hidden within your soul . . . dive into yourself and you will discover the stairs by which to ascend.

□ st isaac of nineveh

our sense of time is altered in those moments of deep and intense experience,
and so we know what now means. we feel at home in that now, in that eternity,
because that is the only place we really are.

□ brother david steindl-rast

to claim a self is to claim the holiness within. such claiming has nothing to do
with egotism or self-aggrandizement. rather, it has to do with recognizing and
owning one's power, and using that power well in the world.

□ marilyn sewell

and if the earthly no longer knows your name,
whisper to the silent earth: i'm flowing.
to the flashing water say: i am.

□ rainer maria rilke