

CELEBRATIONS

**via transformativa: what if...
like it or not, we are transformers?
march 29, 2009
9:45 & 11:15
celebration leaders: howard hanger
the world beat band**

GATHERING

prelude & welcome to celebrating what if...
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 transformation

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

(chorus) what a difference you've made in my life!
what a difference you've made in my life!
you're my sunshine day and night.
what a difference you've made in my life.

what a change you have made in my heart!
what a change you have made in my heart!
you've replaced all the broken parts.
oh, what a difference you've made in my heart.

love to me was just a word in a song
that had been way over-used;
but now i've joined in the singin'
cause you've shown me love's true meaning.
that's why i want to spread the news:

(chorus)
(w/m: a.jordan)

a gift of poetry

"o you braided waters"
martha adams

ACCEPTING

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

love, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
with thanksgiving, i'll be a living
sanctuary for you.

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

though below me i feel no motion
standing on these mountains and plains.
far away, the rolling ocean,
still, my dry-land heart can say:
i've been sailing all my life now,
never a harbor or port have i known.
the wide universe is the ocean i travel
and the earth is my blue boat home.

(m: r.p. wetzler, w: p. mayer)

LEARNING

ezekiel 37: 1-6, 11-14

prophesy to these bones...

john 11: 47-53

if we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him.

singing & sharing a holy peace

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

thy word is lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path. (2x)
when i feel afraid and think i've lost my way,
still, you're there right beside me.
nothing will i fear as long as you are here.
please be near me to the end.
thy word is lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path. (2x)

(w/m: a. grant)

meditation on

“what if, like it or not, we are all transformers”

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 possibility

may the road rise to meet you,
may the wind be always at your back,
may the sun shine warm upon your face,
may the rain fall softly on your fields
and till we meet again, may god hold you
in the hollow of a hand.

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)

someday, after we have mastered the winds, the waves, the tide and gravity, we shall harness for god the energies of love. then, for the second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire.

□ pierre teilhard de chardin

think of yourself as one cell in the total body of humanity, which contains some six billion cells. when each of us aligns in a certain way, we too reach a critical mass. the field of energy created by that critical mass is love.

□ wayne w. dyer, wisdom of the ages

humankind

full of creative possibilities, is god's work.

humankind alone, is called to assist god.

humankind is called to co-create.

□ hildegard of bingen

faith means being grasped by a power that is greater than we are, a power that shakes us and turns us, and transforms and heals us.

□ paul tillich

this is the famous stone

that turneth all to gold: for that which god doth touch and own
cannot for less be told.

□ george herbert, the elixir

when grapes turn to wine,

they long for our ability to change.

□ rumi

how can you expect energy from above when you continue to receive it
from below

and are content?

□ franz wright

give like the blacksmith even breath to the bellows

tend the fire that changes the shape of metal.

alchemical work begins at dawn, as you walk out to meet the friend.

□ lalla, naked song

what's a whole lot tougher is to offer alternatives, to present other ways
conflicts can be resolved, and to show that you can have a positive impact on
your world. to do that, you have to put yourself out on a limb, take chances,
and run the risk of being called a do-gooder.

□ jim henson