

# CELEBRATIONS

via transformativa: what if...

...love is a verb?

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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.

love, love, love, love, love, love, love, love, love.

there's nothing you can do that can't be done.

nothing you can sing that can't be sung.

nothing you can say but you can learn how to play the game...

it's easy.

there's nothing you can make that can't be made.

no one you can save that can't be saved.

nothing you can do but you can learn how to be you in time...

it's easy.

all you need is love, ra-ta-da-ta-da

all you need is love, ra-ta-da-ta-da

all you need is love, love, love is all you need.

there's nothing you can know that isn't known.

nothing you can see that isn't shown.

nowhere you can be that isn't where you're meant to be.

it's easy.

all you need is love, ra-ta-da-ta-da

all you need is love, ra-ta-da-ta-da

all you need is love, love, love is all you need.

*(w/m: lennon, mccartney)*

**a gift of song**

"deep river"

joan d'entremont

# **ACCEPTING**

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

## **“prayer in percussion” river guerguerian**

love divine, all loves excelling.  
joy of heaven to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all they faithful mercies crown!  
jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art.  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.  
*(w: c. wesley, m: j.zundel)*

## **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 harbor nor port have i known.  
wide universe is the ocean i travel,  
and the earth is my blue boat home.”  
*(m: r.p. wetzler, w: p. mayer)*

## **a gift of dance nicholas & darlene**

# **LEARNING**

deuteronomy 11: 18-21

*you shall put these words of mine in your heart and soul.*

matthew 7: 21-29

*not everyone who says, “lord, Lord” will enter the kingdom...*

## **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...love is a verb?”**

## **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)*

love means that you say "yes" from your heart to that true self-----  
and act accordingly.

□ brother david steindl-rast, gratefulness, the heart of prayer

whenever we "give away" our love, god replenishes it so that we become a  
channel of his love flowing to all of his children, a channel that never runs dry.

□ harold s. kushner

it is not a matter of thinking a great deal,  
but of loving a great deal. so do what most arouses you to love.

□ st. teresa of avila, the interior castle

we can choose love wherever and whenever we are by simply making that  
choice. this energy is so powerful that it literally holds together every cell in  
our universe.

□ wayne w. dyer

love is our true destiny. we do not find the meaning of life by ourselves alone -  
we find it with another.

□ thomas merton

i have found the paradox that if i love until it hurts,  
then there is no hurt, but only more love.

□ mother teresa

all beings love each other or feed each other, and all are united in a gigantic  
process of birth and growth and reproduction and death, in nature, everything  
undergoes mutation, transformation and change, everything embraces,  
caresses and kisses . . . everything in nature seeks to transcend its own  
limitations, to go beyond the barriers of its individuality, to meet with a *thou* to  
which it can give itself, an "other" into which it can transform itself.

□ ernesto cardenal

do all the good you can, by all the means you can,  
in all the ways you can, in all the places you can,  
to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.

□ john wesley

o my beloved, perhaps in the sky of longing worlds have been born of our love -  
just as our breathing, in and out, builds a cradle for life and death.  
we are grains of sand, dark with farewell, lost in births' secret treasure trove,  
around us already perhaps future moons, suns, and stars blaze in a fiery  
wreath.

□ nelly sachs