

CELEBRATIONS

via positiva: oh yeah!

"i'm not dead yet"

june 21, 2009

9:45 & 11:15

celebration leaders: howard hanger

the world beat band

GATHERING

prelude & welcome to celebrating oh yeah!

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 the positive road

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

when i was a boy, each week
on Sunday, we would go to church
and pay attention to the priest
he would read the holy word
and consecrate the holy bread
and everyone would kneel and bow
today the only difference is
everything is holy now
everything, everything, everything is holy now

when i was in Sunday school
we would learn about the time
moses split the sea in two
jesus made the water wine
and i remember feeling sad
that miracles don't happen still
but now i can't keep track
'cause everything's a miracle
everything, everything, everything's a miracle

wine from water is not so small
but an even better magic trick
is that anything is here at all
so the challenging thing becomes
not to look for miracles
but finding where there isn't one

this morning, outside i stood
and saw a little red-winged bird
shining like a burning bush
singing like a scripture verse
it made me want to bow my head
i remember when church let out
how things have changed since then
everything is holy now
everything, everything, everything is holy now

(w/m: peter mayer)

ACCEPTING

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

and when this flesh and heart shall fail
and mortal life shall cease,
i shall possess within the veil
a life of joy and peace.

when we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing god's praise
than when we'd first begun.
(w: j. newton, m: trad. irish)

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

i see trees of green, red roses too.
i see them blooming for me and for you
and i think to myself, what a wonderful world.
i see skies above, clouds of white,
bright, blessed day, dark sacred night
and i think to myself, what a wonderful world.
(w/m: b thiele, g.d.weiss)

LEARNING

1 kings 17: 17-24

let this child's life come into him again.

luke 7: 11-17

the dead man sat up and began to speak.

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

i'm not dead yet. oh yeah!

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 positive road

all, all shall be well.
all, all shall be well.
all manner of things shall be well.
all, all shall be well.
(w: julian of norwich, m: h. hanger)

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)

there is no death, only a change of worlds.

□ chief seattle

earth brings us into life and nourishes us.

earth takes us back again.

birth and death are present in every moment.

□ thich nhat hanh

wherever your feet touch earth

you know you are touching

where something has died or been born.

□ antler, earth prayers

what we call death was to him only emigration.

□ amelia barr

death is the means of transition to future life,
which is the ultimate goal of mortal existence.

□ saadiah gaon

let us live in such a way

that when we die our love will survive

and continue to grow.

□ leunig

he who raises a child is to be called father,
not the man who only gave it birth.

□ exodus rabbah

and therefore i look upon everything

as a brotherhood and a sisterhood,

and i look upon time as no more than an idea,

and i consider eternity as another possibility.

□ mary oliver, "when death comes"

with the summer solstice we feel the maximum power of the sun as it gives its
fullest offering to our part of the earth.

□ elizabeth roberts, earth prayers

praised be thou, my lord with all thy creatures.
especially the honored brother sun, who makes the day
and illumines us through thee.
and he is beautiful and radiant
□ st. francis of assisi