

CELEBRATIONS

via positiva: oh yeah!

“risky business”

june 28, 2009

9:45 & 11:15

**celebration leaders: howard hanger
the world beat band**

GATHERING

prelude & welcome to celebrating the yes road...

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.

we are going, heaven knows where we are going,
we'll know we're there.

we will get there, heaven knows how we will get there.
we know we will.

it may be hard we know
and the road may be muddy and rough
but we'll get there, heaven knows how we will get there.
we know we will.

wo-ya-ya
(w/m: trad african)

a gift of monologue

“a good talking to”

donna glee williams & tebbe davis

ACCEPTING

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

when the storms of life are raging, stand by me. (stand by me)
when the storms of life are raging, stand by me. (stand by me)
when the world is tossing me
like a ship out on the sea,
thou who speaks through wind and water, stand by me.

in the midst of faults and failures, stand by me. (stand by me)
in the midst of faults and failures, stand by me. (stand by me)
when i do the best i can
and my friends misunderstand,
thou who lives in every moment, stand by me.
(w/m: c.a.tindley)

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)

a gift of song

donna marie marcantonio & drew

LEARNING

2 samuel 11: 26-12:15

the sword shall never depart from your house.

luke 7: 36-50

her many sins are forgiven; hence, she has shown great love.

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 risky business - 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)

you have to love. you have to feel. it is the reason you are here on earth. you are here to risk your heart. you are here to be swallowed up. and when it happens that you are broken, or betrayed, or left, or hurt, or death brushes near, let yourself sit by an apple tree and listen to the apples falling all around you in heaps, wasting their sweetness. tell yourself that you tasted as many as you could.

□ louise erdrich, the painted drum

the higher the climb, the sheerer the slide.
the steeper the odds, the shrewder the bet.
the rarer the chance, the brasher the risk.
the colder the snow, the greener the spring.

the braver the bull, the wiser the cape.
the shorter the joke, the surer the laugh.
the sadder the tale, the dearer the joy.
the longer the life, the briefer the years.

□ samuel hazo

re-examine all you have been told in school or church or in any book,
and dismiss whatever insults your own soul;
and your very flesh shall be a great poem....

□ walt whitman

if you have a body, you are entitled to the full range of feelings. it comes with the package.

□ anne lamott, grace (eventually)

one or two things are all you need to travel over the blue pond, over the deep roughage of the trees and through the stiff flowers of lightning-----
some deep memory of pleasure, some cutting knowledge of pain

□ mary oliver, "one or two things"

he prods us to explore love's possibilities and test its apparent boundaries. he says our progress on this journey can be measured only by the intensity of our love, the living flame that illumines all life. begin to love *now* he says, don't wait---let there be no regrets.

□ daniel ladinsky

i will take you up now, beloved,
on that wonderful dance you promised!

□ hafiz

if you are going to tell people the truth, you had better make them laugh or they will kill you.

□ oscar wilde

what is to give light must endure burning.

□ victor frankl

god does not save those who are only imaginary sinners. be a sinner, and let your sins be strong, but let your trust in christ be stronger, and rejoice in christ who is the victor over sin, death, and the world.

□ martin luther

