

# CELEBRATIONS

**via transformativa: what if...  
...everything we need is here?**

**june 7, 2009 (full moon)**

**8:30, 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.

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 of blue, clouds of white,  
bright blessed day, dark sacred night,  
and i think to myself,  
“what a wonderful world!”

the colors of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky  
are also on the faces of people going by.  
i see friends shaking hands  
saying, “how do you do?”  
they’re only saying, “i love you.”

i hear babies crying; i watch them grow.  
they’ll learn much more than i’ll ever know,  
and i think to myself,  
“what a wonderful world!”  
yes, i think to myself,  
“what a wonderful world!”  
*(w/m: b. thiele, g.d. weiss)*

### **a gift of song**

“i think it’s gonna rain”  
mya lamoore

## ACCEPTING

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

“prayer for a new time”  
jubilee! singers

## **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**

sun, my sail and moon, my rudder  
as i ply the starry sea,  
leaning over the edge in wonder  
casting questions into the deep.  
drifting here with my ship's companions,  
all we kindred pilgrim souls,  
making our way by the light of the heavens  
in our beautiful blue boat home.  
*(m: r.p. wetzler, w: p. mayer)*

### **a gift of piano**

"opus 2"  
betsy ball

## **LEARNING**

genesis 1: 1-2:3  
*and it was good... indeed, it was very good.*

matthew 28: 16-20  
*i am with you always.*

### **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 everything we need it here?"**

### **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)*

if you cultivate a healthy poverty and simplicity, so that finding a penny will literally make your day, then, since the world is in fact planted in pennies, you have with your poverty bought a lifetime of days. it is that simple. what you see is what you get.

□ annie dillard, pilgrim at tinker creek

i learned that god was an equal opportunity employer---that it was possible to experience the divine anywhere you were, any where you could see the sun and moon rise or set, or burn through the fog.

□ anne lamott, grace (eventually)

. the spirit of love and creation is not so scarce that we will be forever lost if we make the wrong choice. whatever we choose, wherever we go, there will be some doorway, some opportunity, some person or situation that may bring us what we need.

□ wayne muller, legacy of the heart

and now when i look up at the light blue sky of day i feel comforted by the thought that beyond the brightness is the ever-constant, deep darkness of the sky filled with pinpoints of light---i have a sense of profound peace, as i feel myself embraced in the arms of the universe.

□ justine toms, changing light, j. ruth gendler, editor

this night there are no limits to what may be given.  
darkness simply lets down a curtain for that.

□ rumi

just to be is a blessing

just to live is holy

□ rabbi abraham heschel

god has gifted creation with everything  
that is necessary.

□ hildegard of bingen

no guarantees

in this life.

but some bonuses, like morning,

like right now, like noon,

like even evening.

□ william stafford

take care you don't know anything in this world  
too quickly or easily. everything  
is also a mystery, and has its own secret aura in the moonlight,  
its private song.

□ mary oliver, what do we know

