

CELEBRATIONS

via positiva: oh yeah!

“o brother, where art thou?”

july 12, 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.

loving you the way i do,
i know we're gonna make it through.
and i would go to the ends of the earth,
cause, darling, to me that's what you're worth.

(chorus) where you lead, i will follow
anywhere that you tell me to.
if you need, you need me to be with you,
i will follow where you lead.

if you're out on the road
feeling lonely and oh so cold,
all you have to do is call my name
and i'll be there on the next train.

(chorus)

i always wanted a real home
with flowers on the windowsill,
but if you want to live in new york city,
honey, you know i will. yes i will.

(chorus)

(w/m: carole king)

a gift of prose

“next to the last call”

bob white

ACCEPTING

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

here i am, life. is it i, life?
i have heard your calling in the night.
i will go, life, where you lead me.
i will hold the world in my heart.
(w/m: d. schutte, adapted)

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 19: 19-21

elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him.

luke 9: 57-62

i will follow you wherever you go.

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

o brother, where art thou? - 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)

it comes from the latin *vocare*, to call, and means the work a man is called to by god.

. . . the place god calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.

□ frederick buechner, *wishful thinking*

all the talents of god are within you.
how could this be otherwise
when your soul derived from his genes!

□ hafiz

but, you've heard enough.
now, it's time for you to listen. go and find your songs.

□ cantus fraggle

now is the time when your action is practice.

□ the dalai lama

follow your bliss and don't be afraid and doors will open where you didn't know they were going to be.

□ joseph campbell

the consciousness of divinity is divinity itself. the more we wake to holiness, the more of it we give birth to, the more we introduce, expand, and multiply it on earth, the more god is "on the field."

□ annie dillard, *for the time being*

with interior yearning, grace and blessings are bestowed.

it is a yearning to take on god's gentle yoke,
it is a yearning to give one's self to god's way.

□ hildegard of bingen

the purpose of life is to discover your gift. the meaning of life is to give it away.

□ david viscott

the seed of god is in us. now

the seed of a pear tree grows into a pear tree:

and a hazel seed grows into a hazel tree;

a seed of god grows into god.

□ meister eckhart

and sometimes, i allow myself to imagine that each moment in which we love well by simply being all of who we are and being fully present allows us to give back something essential to the sacred mystery that sustains all life.

□ oriah mountain dreamer, *the invitation*

