

CELEBRATIONS

via positiva: oh yeah!

Brother sun, sister moon

july 19, 2009

8:30, 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.

though below me i feel no motion
standing on these mountains and plains.
far away the rolling oceans,
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.

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.

i give thanks to the waves upholding me,
hail the great winds urging me on.
greet the infinite sea before me,
sing the sky my sailor's song.
i was born upon the fathoms,
never harbor nor port have i known.
wide universe is the ocean i travel
and the earth is my blue boat home.
(w: peter mayer, m: trad welsh tune, r: prichard)

a gift of dance

"new horizons"

anne wray

ACCEPTING

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

in the mists of the morning we open
to all of the gifts of the day.
we open our hearts to take it all in
and give it all back in our way.

let us sing of the beauty around us.
let us sing of the beauty within.
o, hear the earth tell that all shall be well,
anam cara, anam cara, soul friend.
(w/m: h. hanger)

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 of blue, 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 poetry

“the other”
aliyah schick & eliot wadopian

the baptism of sarah genevieve marshall

born on
november 8, 2008
to
lauren fortuna & frank marshall

LEARNING

isaiah 66: 10-14
you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

luke 10: 1-9
the kingdom of god has come near you.

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 brother sun, sister moon - 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)

this is all that matters: that we can bow, take a deep bow. just that. just that.
□ eido tai shimano

every thing, every person, every situation is at its core a spelling out of god's
faithfulness calling for a response of faith on the hearer's part.
□ brother david steindl-rast, a listening heart

you find energy to do something you hadn't expected to do, maybe even one of
the holiest things: to go outside and stand under the stars, or to go for a walk
in the morning, or in such hard times, both.
□ anne lamott, grace (eventually)

i drank from a stream of clear water.
and at night the sky untied her hair and i fell asleep
clutching a tress of god's.
□ st. francis of assisi, love poems from god, daniel ladinsky, translator

same thing that's scrolled across the stars
is written under our skin
new horizon, new horizon
within
□ david gray

listen! they said. . .
listen! the earth will tell you
in the middle of the night
what your heart needs to know.
□ martha o. adams

when your doors are shut and your room is dark you are not alone.
the will of nature is within you as your natural genius is within.
listen to its importunings.
follow its directives.
□ epictetus

and these body clothes,
a mouth with which to give shouts of joy
to the moth and the wren, to the sleepy dug-up clam,
telling them all, over and over, how it is
that we live forever.

□ mary oliver, from "messenger," thirst

the intense pressure of the earth
makes coal out of ferns, diamonds out of coal.
the intense pressure of the earth
is within us, and makes coal
and diamond desires.

□ arthur sze

let me keep my mind on what matters, which is my work,
which is mostly standing still and learning to be astonished.
the phoebe, the delphinium.
the sheep in the pasture, and the pasture.
which is mostly rejoicing, since all the ingredients are here.
which is gratitude, to be given a mind and a heart