

# CELEBRATIONS

via positiva: oh yeah!

“primal fear”

July 5, 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.

old pirates, yes, they rob i;  
sold i to the merchant ships,  
minutes after they took i  
from the bottomless pits,  
but my hand was made strong  
by the hand of the almighty.  
we forward in this generation  
triumphantly.

won't you help me sing  
these songs of freedom?  
it's all i ever have:  
redemption songs  
redemption songs.

emancipate yourselves from mental slavery;  
none but ourselves can free our minds.  
have no fear for atomic energy,  
cause none of them can stop de time.  
how long shall they kill our prophets,  
while we stand aside and look? oooh.  
some say it's just a part of it;  
we've got to fulfill de book.

won't you help me sing  
these songs of freedom?  
won't you help me sing  
redemption songs  
redemption songs.

*(w/m: b. marley)*

**a gift of song**

“let nothing disturb you”  
lynda latourno & dylan

# **ACCEPTING**

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

all this joy, all this sorrow,  
all this promise, all this pain.  
such is life, such is being,  
such is spirit, such is love.  
*(w/m: j. denver)*

## **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**

zechariah 12: 7-10

*they shall mourn as one mourns for an only child.*

luke 9: 18-24

*the son of man must undergo great suffering...*

### **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 primal fear - 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)*

courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear-----  
not absence of fear.

□ mark twain

let me not pray to be sheltered from the dangers,  
but to be fearless in facing them  
let me not beg for the stilling of my pain,  
but for the heart to conquer it.  
let me not look for allies in life's battlefield,  
but to my own strength.  
let me not crave in anxious fear to be saved,  
but hope for the patience to win my freedom.

□ tagore

whenever things go wrong in society, in a person's psyche, or in one's spiritual life, we may be sure that fear in one form or another lies at the root of the trouble. most of us are fear-ridden people. all of us live in a fear-ridden society. but nothing is gained by this discovery if in addition to all our fears we now begin to fear fear. why not rather look at fear as the necessary condition for courage?

□ br. david steindl-rast, gratefulness, the heart of prayer

we cannot escape fear. we can only transform it into a companion that accompanies us on all our exciting adventures.

□ susan jeffers

faith and doubt both are needed, but not as antagonists, but working side by side to take us around the unknown curve.

□ lillian smith

life is the sacred mystery singing to itself, dancing to its drum, telling tales, improvising, playing and we are all that spirit, our stories all but one cosmic story that we are love indeed, that perfect love in me seeks the love in you, and if our eyes could ever meet without fear we would recognize each other and rejoice, for love is life believing in itself.

□ manitongquat, *prayers for healing*, maggie oman, editor

let everything happen  
to you: beauty and terror.  
you must just go--  
no feeling is the farthest  
you can go. don't let  
yourself be separated  
from me. the country  
called life is close.  
by its seriousness,  
you will know it.  
give me your hand.  
□ rainer maria rilke