

CELEBRATIONS

via positiva: oh yeah!

“babette’s feast”

august 16, 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.

yahoo! it’s a celebration

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there’s a party going on right here
a celebration to last throughout the years.
so bring your good times and your bad times too.
we gonna celebrate your party with you.

come on now!

celebration! - let’s all celebrate and have a good time.
celebration! - we gonna celebrate and have a good time.

it’s time to come together
it’s up to you, what’s your’ pleasure?
everyone around the world, come on!

yahoo! it’s a celebration

celebrate good times, come on! - it’s a celebration.
celebrate good times, come on! - it’s a celebration.

we gonna have a good time tonight!
let’s celebrate, it’s all right.
we gonna have a good time tonight!
let’s celebrate, it’s all right.

(repeat)

celebrate good times, come on! - it’s a celebration.
celebrate good times, come on! - it’s a celebration.

(w/m: ronald bell, kool and the gang)

a gift of dance

“zydeco”

heather masterdon

ACCEPTING

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

didgeridoo meditation
corey costanzo

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 visuals & poetry

kay loveland & bruce schell

LEARNING

ecclesiastes 1: 2, 2: 18-26

there is nothing better for mortals than to eat, drink and find enjoyment in their toil.

luke 12: 13-21

be on your guard against all kinds of greed.

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
babette's feast - 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 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)

when you take food in that has been prepared with love, you take in other people. there are many kinds of bread: kindness, companionship, besides the flour-and-yeast kind.

□ anne lamott, grace (eventually)

this, then, is the extravagant landscape of the world, given, given with pizzazz, given in good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over.

□ annie dillard, pilgrim at tinker creek

from my breath i extract god.
and my eye is a shop where i offer him to the world.

□ st. thomas aquinas

how surely gravity's law,
strong as an ocean current,
takes hold of even the smallest thing
and pulls it toward the heart of the world.

□ rainer maria rilke

pure divine love is no meek priest or tight banker.
it will smash all your windows
and only then throw in the holy gifts.

□ hafiz, i heard god laughing, daniel ladinsky, translator

at feasts, remember that you are entertaining two guests: body and soul. what you give to the body, you presently lose, what you give to the soul, you keep forever.

□ epictetus

be not lax in celebrating.
be not lazy in the festive service of god.
be ablaze with enthusiasm.
let us be an alive, burning offering
before the altar of god!

□ hildegard of bingen

rumi wrote, "the mystery of loving is god's sweetest secret." love is the ultimate nourishment, the one behind all the others. and yet, joyful as it is, the gift of being purely ourselves is not given for ourselves. we are given this mysterious nourishment so that we can weave it into our lives, in the daily routine, in the marketplace, so that it can be woven into the fabric of the world.

□ anne scott, serving fire

we eat, drink, sleep, breathe, and love that light. the eucharist is also our hearts expanding and responding generously: "yes, we will." we will carry the heart-work called compassion, the work of the cosmos itself.

□ matthew fox, sins of the spirit, blessings of the flesh