

# CELEBRATIONS

**via positiva: oh yeah!**

**“one flew over the cuckoo’s nest”**

**august 23, 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.

though below me i feel no motion  
standing on these mountains and plains  
far away from the rolling ocean  
still my dry land heart can say  
i've been sailing all my life now  
never harbor nor port have i known  
the 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 lights 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 or port have i known  
the wide universe is the ocean i travel  
and the earth is my blue boat home  
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*(w: p. mayer, m: r.h. prichard)*

**a gift of poetry**

“how can i write of transformation?”

majo

# **ACCEPTING**

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

immortal invisible spirit of life,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes.  
most blessed, most glorious, in infinite ways  
you touch us and feed us and through all of our days.

to all life you give now, to both great and small;  
in all life you live now, the true life of all.  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
from birth to our death, all nurtured by thee.

*(w.c. smith, adapted, m: trad. welsh melody)*

## **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 piano**

windsor johnson

# **LEARNING**

genesis 15: 1-6

*look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them...*

luke 12: 32-40

*make purses for yourselves that do not wear out.*

## **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 one flew over the cuckoo's nest - 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)*

what is meant by light? to gaze with undimmed eyes on all darkness.

☐ nikos kazantzakis

reading and books are medicine. stories are written and told by and for people who have been broken, but who have risen up, or will rise, if attention is paid to them. those people are you and us. stories and truth are splints for the soul.

☐ anne lamott, grace (eventually)

if you are not disturbed

there is something seriously wrong with you

☐ franz wright

don't be so serious, rumble in  
where nothing is finished or broken  
and nothing asks to be fixed.

☐ jeanne lohmann

the gaps are the clefts in the rock where you cower to see the back parts of god;  
they are the fissures between mountains and cells the wind lances through, the  
icy narrowing fiords splitting the cliffs of mystery.

☐ annie dillard

barn's burnt down----now

i can see the moon.

☐ masahide

it is out of my own brokenness, and the brokenness of others in the darkest of places, that i find that sense of joy. this is my special gift---to build sacred space out of the chaos in forgotten places. i feel it. the need to create beauty. we all have it, and we've lost it. the vehicle for joy is beauty. beauty is a right---an angelic quality that heals.

☐ terry tempest williams, finding beauty in a broken world

when your bow is broken and your last arrow spent, then shoot,  
shoot with your whole heart.

□ zen adage

one sees great things from the valley,  
only small things from the peak.

□ g.k. chesterton

look at the perfect one  
at the circle's center:  
he spins and whirls like a golden compass,  
beyond all that is rational.  
to show this dear world  
that everything, everything in existence  
does point to god.

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