

# CELEBRATIONS

via positiva: oh yeah!

“tender mercies”

august 2, 2009

8: 30, 9:45 & 11:15

celebration leaders: laura collins, paul muller,  
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.

*(chorus)* roll out more lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer,  
these days of sweet tea and pretzels and beer.  
roll out more lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer,  
i wish that summer could always be here.

when life is goin' so good we call it “positiva.”  
it's time to sit back, laugh and smile.  
and when the minister in charge is one hot diva,  
i hope the bald guy stays away at least awhile.

*(chorus)*

no need to spend all summer searching for a treasure  
so you can buy yourself some fun.  
the summer friendships, food and water all bring pleasure;  
and god won't even send a bill when it's all done.

*(chorus)*

*(led by rick ott, w:c. tobias, m: h. carste)*

**a gift of music**

stacey knights

## ACCEPTING

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

amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me.  
i once was lost, but now am found.  
'twas blind, but now, i see.

through many dangers, toils and snares  
i have already come.

'tis grace that brought me safe thus far  
and grace will lead me home.

*(w: j. newton, m: trad scottish/irish tune)*

### **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 photographs**

“positively positiva”  
sandy swanson

## **LEARNING**

genesis 18: 1-14

*after i have grown old and my husband is old, shall i have pleasure?*

luke 10: 38-42

*martha was distracted by her many tasks.*

### **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 tender mercies - 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)*

flowing in and out like the breath, the marrow of the hip sweats its essence,  
carrying and strengthening the person.

in just such a manner

the vitality of earth's elements comes from the strength of the creator.

it is this vigor that hugs the world: warming, moistening, firming, greening.

this is so that all creatures might germinate and grow.

□ hildegard of bingen

look at beauty's gift to us---

her power is so great she enlivens

the earth, the sky, our soul.

□ mira

our hands imbibe like roots,

so i place them on what is beautiful in this world.

and i fold them in prayer, and they

draw from the heavens light.

□ st. francis of assisi

be kind to yourself, dear-----to our innocent follies.

forget any sounds or touch you knew that did not help you dance.

□ rumi

like weathered willows

still sprouting green, we tremble

in honeysuckle breezes

of breath, skin, tongue, eyes;

rise with the barn owl's distant call

into the wide sky of body.

□ martha o. adams, from "willows"

one day the wind will show you its kindness

and remove the tiny patches that cover our eyes,

and we will see god more clearly than we

have ever seen ourselves.

□ meister eckhart, love poems from god, daniel ladinsky, editor and translator

nothing in existence is turned away.

more tender is my lord's heart than any heart

has ever been.

□ st. thomas aquinas

my eye kept telling me, "something is missing from  
all i see." so it went in search of the cure.

the cure for me was his beauty, the remedy----

for me was to love.

□ rabia

