

CELEBRATIONS

via positiva: oh yeah!

“dances with wolves”

august 30, 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.

oh, give me land, lots of land under starry skies above,
don't fence me in.

let me ride through the wide open country that i love,
don't fence me in.

let me be by myself in the evenin' breeze,
and listen to the murmur of the cottonwood trees,
send me of forever, but i ask you please,
don't fence me in.

just turn me loose, let me straddle my own saddle
underneath the western skies.
on my cayuse, let me wander over yonder
till i see the mountains rise.

i want to ride to the ridge where the west commences
and gaze at the moon till i lose my senses,
can't look at hovels and i can't stand fences,
don't fence me in.

(w: r. fletcher, m: cole porter)

a gift of miracles

cross-country sensation
laurey masterton

ACCEPTING

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

once to every man and woman comes the moment to decide,
in the strife of truth with falsehood, for the good or evil side;
some great cause, god's new messiah,
offering each the bloom or blight,
and the choice goes by forever twixt that darkness and that light.

though the cause of evil prosper, yet tis truth alone is strong: though her
portion be the scaffold and upon the throne be wrong.
yet, that scaffold sways the future
and behind the dim unknown
stands the spirit in the shadows keeping watch on all it own.
(w: j.r.lowell/m: t.j. williams)

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)

the baptism of scarlette rose ulrichs (11:15)

born on
november 13, 2008
to
elyse & dave ulrichs

LEARNING

jeremiah 23: 23-29
is not my word like fire... like a hammer that breaks rock?

luke 12: 49-53
i came to bring fire to the earth.

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 dances with wolves - 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)

if you're going through hell, keep going.
□ winston churchill

come celebrate with me that everyday
something has tried to kill me and has failed.
□ lucille clifton

offering everything, pure and impure, is the best and quickest way to develop spiritually. if you offer everything to the divine, the divine will accept and change it, even the worst things. it is not what you offer but *that* you offer which is important. offer everything, and you will acquire the habit of thinking always about god. *that* will change you.
□ mother meera, the flowering of the soul: a book of prayers by women

to live in this world
you must be able to do three things:
to love what is mortal;
to hold it against your bones knowing
your own life depends on it;
and, when the time comes to let it go,
to let it go.
□ mary oliver, from "in blackwater woods," new and selected poems

my book . . . is the nature of created things, and
any time i wish to read the words of god, the book is before me.
□ anthony of the desert

and then there is the love for the enemy - love for the one who does not love
you but mocks, threatens, and inflicts pain. the tortured's love for the torturer.
this is god's love. it conquers the world.
□ frederick buechner, *listening to your life*

i have found the paradox that if i love until it hurts, then there is no hurt, but
only more love.
□ mother teresa

true peace is not merely the absence of tension;
it is the presence of justice.
□ martin luther king, jr.

there is no answer
but loving one another,
even our enemies, and this is hard.
but remember:
when a man of war becomes a man of peace,
he gives a light, divine
though it is also human.
when a man of peace is killed
by a man of war, he gives a light.
□ wendell berry, a timbered choir

love, buddha nature, courage---these are code words for things we don't know
in our minds, but any of us could experience them. these are words that point
to what life really is when we let things fall apart and let ourselves be nailed to
the present moment.
□ pema chodron