

CELEBRATIONS

via positiva: oh yeah!

“forrest gump”

september 13, 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.

‘tis the gift to be simple, ‘tis the gift to be free,
‘tis the gift to come round
where we ought to be.
and when we find ourselves in a place just right,
‘twill be in the valley of love and delight.

(chorus) when true simplicity is gained,
to bow and to bend, we shan’t be ashamed.
to turn, turn, ‘twill be our delight
till by turning, turning, we come round right.

‘tis the gift to be loved and that gift to return,
‘tis the gift to be taught
and a richer gift to learn;
and when we expect what we try to live each day,
then we’ll all live together and all learn to say,
(chorus)

‘tis the gift to be childlike, ‘tis the gift to be kind,
‘tis the gift to live
from heart as well as mind.
‘tis the gift to be playful, to laugh and to sing;
and our life is rich with these gifts we bring.
(chorus)

(w/m: elder joseph brackett, verse 3: h.hanger)

a gift of music

“simple gifts”

jubilee! singers

ACCEPTING

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

ubi caritas, et amor,
ubi caritas, deus ibi est

where love and caring are, there is god.
where love and caring are, there is god.

(w: 4th century trad roman catholic hymn, m: taize brothers)

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 music

“the church of green”
denise ostler

the baptism of emily sophia cortright (11:15)

born on
september 13, 2006
to
diane douglas & ed cortright

LEARNING

proverbs 25: 6-7

it is better to be told, “come up here,” than to be put lower.

luke 14: 1, 7-14

all who exalt themselves will be humbled.

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 forrest gump - 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)

always be humble, but not by bowing your head which is external humility.
real humility is internal and has its origin in wisdom.

□ rabbi nahman of bratslav

a human mind is small when thinking
of small things.

it is large when embracing the maker
of walking, thinking and flying.

□ joy harjo

something has happened
to my understanding of existence
that now makes my heart always full of wonder
and kindness.

□ hafiz

humility means sticking close to the earth . . . a humble theology would be
based upon an individual's reflections upon his own experience of the sacred...
humility in theology means discovering the sacred on native soil.

□ sam keen, to a dancing god

how many mysteries have you seen in your
lifetime? how many nets pulled
full over the boat's side, each silver body
ready or not falling into
submission? how many roses in early summer
uncurling above the pale sands then
falling back in unfathomable
willingness? and what can you say? glory
to the rose and the leaf, to the sea, to the
silver fish. glory to time and the wild fields,
and to joy. . .

□ mary oliver, thirst

the way to wisdom is through wonder;
the way to honor is through humility.

□ proverbs the wisdom of solomon, rabbi rami m. shapiro, translator

dear god,

when we fall, let us fall inwards. let us fall freely and completely: that we
may find our depth and humility:

the solid earth from which we may rise up and love again. amen.

□ leunig, a common prayer

but i aspire downward.

flyers embrace the air, and i'm a man

who needs something to hug.

all my dawns cross the horizon

and rise, from underfoot.

what i stand for

is what i stand on.

□ wendell berry, from "below," selected poems

i might have been myself minus amazement,

that is,

someone completely different.

□ wislawa szymborska