

# CELEBRATIONS

via creativa: symphony of creation  
imagination  
january 31, 2010  
9:45 & 11:15  
celebration leaders: howard hanger  
the world beat band

## GATHERING

**prelude, call of the drums & welcome to celebrating the  
symphony of creation...**

you are encouraged to read the meditation readings,  
and to hug, shake hands and greet some images of the infinite.

## OPENING

**a song to celebrate the creative path**

you are invited to **feed the hungry** by placing an offering in the hunger baskets on the altar.  
we call the four directions with incense

be thou my vision, o spirit of life.  
offer me insight through joy and through strife.  
be my soul's shelter, steadfastness empower.  
all of my being with astonishment shower.

riches i heed not, nor transient praise:  
thou, mine inheritance now and always;  
thou and thou only the first in my heart,  
spirit of living, my treasure thou art.

call now my mind's eye and call now my thoughts.  
call forth the insight which all life has taught.  
prompt my awareness with visions that show  
there's more to this life than we ever shall know.

*(m: trad irish, w: h.hanger)*

**gift of song**  
"o sweet music"  
jubilee! singers

## ACCEPTING

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

**singing the buddhist bowl**

*(you are invited to play your own bowl and/or allow the sound of the buddhist bowls  
to open you to the symphony of creation)*

**a song of assurance**

blessed are you who hunger.  
blessed are you who thirst.  
blessed are you who mourn  
and feel no power on this earth.  
blessed are you who are poor in spirit  
and don't know what to do,  
o, child of god, blessed are you!  
*(w: adapted from the beatitudes; m: h.hanger)*

**a gift of dance**

“slouching towards bethlehem” (j.mitchell)  
anne wray

**the baptism of  
chloe marie hutchman** (9:45)

born on  
september 26, 2009  
to  
doug & jessica hutchman

**LEARNING**

job 7: 1-7

*the night is long and i am full of tossing till dawn.*

tao te ching - chapter 6

*the opening of the womb is called the root of heaven and earth.*

mark 1: 29-39

*this is what i came out to do.*

**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 men.

*(w/m: j. garcia, r. hunter)*

**meditation on the symphony of creation**

“imagination”

howard hanger

**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 creative life**

morning has broken like the first morning.  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
praise for the singing! praise for the morning!  
praise for them springing fresh from the word!  
*(w: eleanor farjean, m: trad scottish)*

## **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)*

The Tao Te Ching - The poetic mysticism of the Tao Te Ching has been translated in more languages than any other Chinese text. Its 81 chapters describe everything from ultimate reality to the way a person can become a sage and rule a nation. Although the concepts of Tao and Ying and Yang were developed around 1000 B.C.E., the text did not surface until 500 B.C.E.. Lao Tzu, an older contemporary of Confucius, is widely accepted as the author of the Tao Te Ching. However, historical scholars doubt that this man who went to the mountains to seek wisdom actually existed. One theory says that the Tao Te Ching is a compilation of writings from several Taoist. Regardless of the debate as to how we have this ancient scripture; it opens us up to an old way of understanding our place in the natural world. The Tao Te Ching reminds us to keep the main thing the main thing; and knowing that you can never speak or touch the main thing is the Way of the main thing