

CELEBRATIONS

VIA TRANSFORMATIVA: LEGACY

legacy of remembrance

march 27, 2011

9:45 & 11:15

celebration leaders: howard hanger

the world beat band

GATHERING

*you are encouraged to read the meditation readings,
and to hug, shake hands and know you are welcome here.*

welcome to celebrating the path of transformation

calling of the drums & the four directions

OPENING

a song to celebrate the legacy of creation

you are invited to **feed the hungry** by placing an offering in the hunger baskets on the altar.

for the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies... over and around us lies...
lord of all, to thee, we raise, this our joyful song of praise!

for the beauty of this hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light... sun and moon and stars of light...
lord of all, to thee, we raise, this our joyful song of praise!

for the joy of human love:
brother, sister, parent, child...
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild... for all gentle thoughts and mild...
lord of all, to thee, we raise, this our joyful song of praise!

for the wisdom in a smile, for the peace in an embrace,
for this sweet community
offering souls a breathing space... offering souls a breathing space...
lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise!
(w: f. pierpoit; m: j. rutte, adapted)

a gift of dance

“legacy”

the legacy dancers w/barrie barton

ACCEPTING

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

singing the buddhist bowl

a song of assurance

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/m: taize brothers)

a gift of song

“e malama ika heiau”
e malama ika heiau (2x)
e malama pono ika heiau
earth and sky, sea and stone
hold this land in sacredness
sotar

LEARNING

exodus 20: 1-7

i am the lord your god who brought you out of the house of slavery.

sura al baqarah (the heifer) 2: 151-153

you shall remember me, that i may remember you.

john 2: 13-22

stop making god's house a marketplace.

reader: this is ancient wisdom and holy word.

people: thanks be to all that is wise and holy.

reader: all creation is wisdom and holy word.

people: all creation sings of wisdom and god. hallelujah!

singing & sharing a holy peace

you are invited to offer god's peace to another and receive it, yourself.
thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
when i feel afraid, feel i've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me.
nothing will i fear as long as you are here,
please be with me to the end.
thy word is a lamp unto my feet and light unto my path.
(w/m: a. grant)

meditation

- the legacy of remembrance -

howard hanger

BLESSING

offering our money

gift of song

'holy man"
billy jonas

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)

benediction for the transforming journey

i would like to hold my little hand
and we will run, we will. we will crawl, we will.
i would like to hold my little hand
and we will run, we will. we will crawl, we will.
send me on my way – on my way
send me on my – on my way
send me on my way-ay-ay-ay.
(w/m: rusted root)

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)

memory is the treasury and guardian of all things.

❖ latin proverb

we are others and the earth,
the living of the dead.
remembering who we are,
we live in eternity;
any solitary act
is work of community.

❖ wendell berry, “from the distance”

for most of us, remembering means recalling memories. however, when we *re-member* ourselves, we not only recall events that help us to tie past to present, but we also engage in a healing process that reunites the fragmented and disparate parts of our “selves.”

❖ caren goldman, healing words

o may i join the choir invisible
of those immortal dead who live again
in minds made better by their presence.

❖ george eliot

our bodies are the looms
that spin the stories; voices
shuttling sing song secrets
of the old mythologies.

❖ martha o. adams, from “old speech,” what your heart needs to know

all of them, the whole great press of men and women, children and teenagers,
jostling and coughing and checking their text messages----they believed their
lives were like falling silver coins, flashing for merely an instant before they
returned to the darkness. they were wrong, but it was what they believed.

❖ kevin brockmeier, the illumination

because of our caretakers-----of whatever relation or gender---we may go about
our days in abundance and in thanksgiving. generation to generation, farther
back than memory can take us.

❖ marilyn sewell

i can't comprehend, or find contradiction in evidence of past millenniums, the
broken
ancient skulls,
galaxies behind the sun. certainly all creatures
pause, and gaze benignly
into the air, into the light where birds fly
and are gone:
this is the light i lean toward.

❖ barbara jordan, "an act of faith"

young men, not knowing what to remember,
come to this hiding place of the moons and years,
to this old man. old man, they say, where should we go?
where did you find what you remember?
. . . i have called even my voice in close to whisper with it:
every secret is as near as your fingers.
if your heart stutters with pain and hope,
bend forward over it like a man at a small campfire.

❖ david wagoner, traveling light