

CELEBRATIONS

VIA CREATIVA: COLORS OF THE WIND

color of mystery

march 6, 2011

8:30, 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 creativity

calling of the drums & the four directions

OPENING

a song to celebrate colors of the wind

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

immortal, invisible, god only wise
in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes.
most blessed, most glorious, the ancient of days,
all giving, all loving, our hearts give thee praise,

unresting, unhasting and silent as night,
nor wanting, nor wasting, pure darkness, pure light.
thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above.
thy clouds which are fountains of life-giving love.

to all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
in all life, thou livest, the true life of all.
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree.
and wither and perish, but always with thee.

though ne'r shall we know thee, shall ne'r understand
thy wisdom most holy, the breadth of thy hand.
so, teach us to live now with no guarantee,
just wonder and love in this grand mystery.
(w: walter smith, adapted, trad irish melody)

a gift of song

“deep peace”

jubilee! singers

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

we're part of it all in our sorrow.
we're part of it all in our bliss.

we're part of the sun, we're part of the rain.
we're all part of god's holy kiss.

let us sing of the beauty around us!
let us sing of the beauty within!
o, hear the earth tell that all shall be well.
anam cara, anam cara, soul friend.
(w/m: h.hanger)

a gift of poetry

ron english

LEARNING

2 kings 2: 1-12a

elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.

sura 6: 59

with allah are the keys to all secrets; none knows them except allah.

mark 9: 2-9

he did not know what to say for he was terrified.

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.

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: r. hunter, j. garcia)

meditation

“the color of mystery”

howard hanger

communing with bread and wine

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 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 creative 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)

mystery, after all, is god's other name

❖ mary oliver

faith begins with awe in the face of mystery. but awe becomes faith only when it takes the next step . . . living *with* the mystery is something we all have in common. but *how* we live with it differs.

❖ harvey cox, the future of faith

life will seem to have none of its magnificent geography, only a length. it began in mystery, and it will end in mystery, but what a savage and beautiful country lies in between.

❖ diane ackerman

the most beautiful emotion we can experience is the mysterious.

❖ albert einstein

how great is the mystery of the first cells which were one day animated by the breath of our souls! . . . in each one of us, through matter, the whole history of the world is in part reflected.

❖ teilhard de chardin

real faith means holding ourselves open to the unconditional mystery which we encounter in every sphere of our life which cannot be compressed in any formula.

❖ martin buber

the color of mystery is splattered and spread over everything within us and without. the color of mystery may be god's favorite color.

❖ howard hanger

i would rather live in a world where my life is surrounded by mystery than live in a world so small that my mind could comprehend it.

❖ harry emerson fosdick

a riddle made by god is not solved.

❖ african proverb, quoted in healing, caren goldman

and so there we all were on a little wave of time lifting up to eternity, and none of us ever in time would know what to make of it. how could we? it is a mystery, for we are eternal beings living in time.

❖ wendell berry, jayber crow

god hugs you.
you are encircled by the arms
of the mystery of god.

❖ hildegard of bingen

the greatest mystery is in unsheathed reality itself.

❖ eudora welty

