

CELEBRATIONS

VIA TRANSFORMATIVA: LEGACY

legacy of awe & enchantment – easter sunday

april 24, 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 transformation

dance of transformation

barrie barton (dance), forrest green (piano)

calling of the drums & the four directions

OPENING

a song to celebrate the legacy of transformation

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

the thunder and lightening gave voice to the night.
the little small child cried out in her fright.
hush little baby, a story i will tell
of a love that has vanquished the powers of hell

(chorus) hallelujah! the great storm is over!
lift up your wings and fly!
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sweetness in the air and justice on the wind,
laughter in the house where the mourners have been.
the deaf shall have music, the blind have new light.
the standards of death taken down by surprise.

chorus

release for the captives, an end to the wars,
streams in the desert, new hope for the poor.
little small children shall dance as they sing,
and play with the bears and the lions in spring.

chorus

hush little baby, let go of your fears,
father loves you and mother is here.
the babe fell asleep as the lantern did burn.
the mother sang on 'till the bridegroom's return.

chorus

(w/m: bob franke)

a gift of song

“riu riu chiu”
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

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 poetry

“the legacy of words”
georgeanne spruce

the baptism of

alexander thien morris (11:15)

born on september 20, 2010
in asheville, nc
to
cindy & tom morris

LEARNING

isaiah 25: 6-9

on this mountain, the lord will make for all peoples a feast.

sura al-nour (the light) 24: 35

allah is the light of heaven and earth... light upon light.

mark 16: 1-8

terror and amazement had seized them.

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.

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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 awe & enchantment -

howard hanger

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)

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)

our aliveness depends on our ability to sustain wonder: to lengthen the moments we are truly uncovered, to be still and quiet till all the elements of the earth and all the secrets of the oceans stir the aspects of life waiting within us.

❖ mark nepo, the book of awakening

awaken your sense, your intuition, your desires.
awaken the parts of yourself that have been sleeping.
life is a dream, and to live it, you must be awake.

❖ rachel snyder

the great artist calls us to luxuriate in this sense-luscious world. and there is so much to see, touch, smell, taste, and hear!

❖ frederic and mary ann brussat, spiritual literacy

wonder is the basis of worship.

❖ thomas carlyle

we become enchanted when we open our senses and our imaginations to the song and the speech of the world.

❖ thomas moore, the education of the heart

life is a spell so exquisite that everything conspires to break it.

❖ emily dickinson

i have consciously sought after those things which make for value, order, richness, spirit, and wonder, even though i am often unable to verbalize what i feel when i perceive something beautiful. sometimes it's a pang or a sensation; at other times it is an awareness of joy and security or pure pleasure. in any event, it is a moment to be celebrated. beauty justifies itself. the fact that it defies definition means nothing. . .

❖ luci swindoll, you bring the confetti, god brings the joy

the most beautiful emotion we can experience is the mysterious. it is the fundamental emotion that stands at the cradle of all true art and science. he to whom this emotion is a stranger, who can no longer wonder and stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead, a snuffed out candle. to sense that behind anything

that can be experienced there is something that our minds cannot grasp, whose beauty and sublimity reaches us only indirectly: this is religiousness.

❖ albert einstein

and did you feel it, in your heart, how it pertained to everything?
and have you too finally figured out what beauty is for?

❖ mary oliver, swan

yet not in torpor would i find,
awe is the finest portion of mankind.
however scarce the world may make this sense---
in awe one feels profoundly the immense.

❖ goethe