

CELEBRATIONS

VIA TRANSFORMATIVA: LEGACY

legacy of spiritual connection

may day & beltane

may 1, 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

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.

one love, one heart
let's get together and feel all right
hear the children crying (one love)
hear the children crying (one heart)
sayin' give thanks and praise to the lord and i will feel all right
sayin' let's get together and feel all right.

let them all pass all their dirty remarks (one love)
there is one question i'd really like to ask (one heart)
is there a place for the hopeless sinner
who has hurt all mankind just to save his own?

one love, one heart
let's get together and feel all right
as it was in the beginning (one love)
so shall it be in the end (one heart)
give thanks and praise to the lord and i will feel all right

let's get together to fight this holy armageddon (one love)
so when the man comes there will be no doom (one song)
have pity on those whose chances grow thinner
there ain't no hiding place from the father of creation

sayin' one love, one heart
let's get together and feel all right
hear the children crying (one love)
hear the children crying (one heart)
give thanks and praise to the lord and i will feel all right
let's get together and feel all right
(w/m: b. marley)

a gift of poetry

aliyah schick

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

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a song of assurance

ubi caritas, et amor,
ubi caritas, dues 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 juggling

“gravity & grace”
thomas arthur

the baptism of samuel haywood crow (9:45)

born on april 15, 2009
in asheville, nc
to
william jennings crow & janet ann milosch

LEARNING

psalm 148
praise the holy, you sun and moon... and stars... and water.

sura al-anaam (the cattle) 6: 95-99
and he it is who has brought you into being from a single word.

john 20: 19-23
receive the holy spirit!

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, think i've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me.
nothing will i fear as long as you are here,
please be near me to the end.
thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
(w/m: a. grant)

meditation
- the legacy of spiritual connection -

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 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)

the life i touch for good or ill will touch another life, and that in turn another,
until who knows where the trembling stops or in what far place my touch will
be felt.

❖ frederick buechner

when we plant a tree, we are planting ourselves. releasing dolphins back to the
wild, we are ourselves returning home. composting leftovers, we are being
reborn as irises and apples. . .we can know the activity of the world as not
separate from who we are but rather of what we are.

❖ joan halifax

we are kith and kin of stones, trees, groupers, and galaxies.

❖ thich nhat hanh

given time, everything in the universe will dovetail perfectly with everything
else.

❖ jose saramago, the elephant's journey

who is our neighbor? the samaritan? the outcast? the enemy? yes, yes, of
course. but is also the whale, the dolphin and the rainforest. our neighbor is
the entire community of life, the entire universe. we must love it all as our self.

❖ brian patrick

you are a traveler through this earth, sharing with everyone else not only an outer world that needs your care, but also a precious inner earth that is its reflection. you have only to look to this inner earth that is its reflection. you have only to look to this inner earth of yours, gently, and without haste, to discover how remarkably similar to the outer natural earth you are. she is a close relative of yours.

❖ joan sauro, whole earth meditation

there is nothing in me that is not of earth, no split instant of separateness, no particle that disunites me from the surroundings. i am no less than the earth itself.

❖ richard nelson, the island within

i have often felt myself to be a point of light, connected to everyone i have ever loved or mattered to, each also being a point of light, in turn connected to those they love, so that somehow we are all part of a vast web of twinkling lights.

❖ jean shinoda bolen, crossing to avalon

in a world in which life so perfectly responds to life, where flowers mingle with flowers in the wind's eye, where the swan is the familiar of all swans, man alone builds his isolation.

❖ antoine de saint-exupery

if you see a whole thing – it seems that it's always beautiful. planets, lives . . . but close up a world's all dirt and rocks. and day to day, life's a hard job, you

❖ ursula k. le guin

may's name comes originally from the greek god maia, who is the leader of the pleiades, or seven sisters, and the mother of hermes, the messenger god. may is truly the month of spring, the first month of full blossoming and growth. the irish call this month *medb* (maeve) and the fairy queen mab in shakespeare derives her name from maia.

the irish also call the *cedsoman* or *ceadamb*, meaning the first summer, and may 1 is the holy day betaine (*taine* meaning "fire"). may was also known as "thrice milk month" or *thrimilcmonath* because cows give three times a day during may. the franks called this month joy month or *winnemanoth*.

❖ robin hereens lysne, sacred living