

CELEBRATIONS

VIA TRANSFORMATIVA: LEGACY

legacy of assurance

mother's day

may 8, 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 transformation

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

lying in my bed i hear the clock tick and think of you.
caught up in circles confusion is nothing new.
flashback: warm nights, almost left behind
suitcase of memories,
time after--

sometimes you picture me. i'm walking too far ahead.
you're calling to me. i can't hear what you've said.
then you say, "go slow"
i fall behind...
the second hand unwinds

(chorus) if you're lost you can look and you will find me
time after time.
if you fall i will catch you. i'll be waiting
time after time.
if you're lost you can look and you will find me
time after time.
if you fall I will catch you. i will be waiting
time after time.

after my picture fades and darkness has turned to gray.
watching through windows, you're wondering if i'm ok.
secrets stolen from deep inside,
the drum beats out of time--

(chorus)

(w/m: cyndi lauper)

a gift of prose

"conversations with my mother"
melodie meadows

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 dance

“hymn to her” (pretenders)
anne wray & andy legeay

LEARNING

psalm 139: 1-12

if i make my bed in hell, you are there.

sura maryam (mary) 19: 16, 23-24
a voice cried to her... grieve not!

luke 24: 36-49

why are you frightened and why do doubts arise in your hearts?

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 near,

please be near 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 assurance** -

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)

you make all things bearable,
and my joy is such that it cannot be imagined or expressed.
❖ st. catherine of genoa

many women beseech mary, the mother of jesus, in their grief, sorrow, and loss, relying on mary's obvious understanding and her own life experience. . . . the mother's stark instruction that all suffering, illness, and hardships can be taken as blessings is a tried-and-true formula; when we understand this, there's comfort in the knowing.

❖ lucinda vardey, the flowering of the soul

she will always carry on
something is lost
but something is found
they will keep on speaking her name
somethings change
some stay the same

❖ meg keene, from "hymn to her" performed by the pretenders

eternal god, as you created human kind
in your image, women and men, male and female,
renew us in that image;
god, the holy spirit, by your strength and love,
comfort us as those whom a mother comforts . . .

❖ world council of churches

when you are deluded and full of doubt, even a thousand books of scripture are not enough. when you have realized understanding, even one word is too much.

❖ fen-yang, little zen companion, david schiller, editor

and know you bring your master happiness whenever you smile.
last night, so many tears took flight because of joy
that the sky got crowded and complained
when i discovered god hiding again in my heart
i could not cease to celebrate.

❖ hafiz, i heard god laughing, daniel ladinsky, translator

the silence of nature within
the power within the power
without.
the path is whatever passes----no end in itself.
the end is grace---ease---
healing, not saving.
singing the proof
the proof of the power within.
❖ gary snyder

when rain comes on well-prepared soul, it germinates and bears fruit; so,
likewise, when tribulations come, the soul grows in virtue. . . . tribulations
purify, comfort, and quiet the soul, and give it peace and tranquility.
❖ angela of foligno