

CELEBRATIONS

VIA TRANSFORMATIVA: LEGACY

legacy of unity

june 5, 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 beliefs?

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
sayin' let's get together and feel all right

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

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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
(w/m: b. Marley)

a gift of poetry

“eden's green dream”

martha adams

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

“rainbow connection”
jenny sliker

LEARNING

psalm 47
god is king of all the earth

sura al-hujjrat (the private apartments) 49:13
we... made you into nations and tribes that ye may know each other, not that you may despise each other.

john 17: 11-13
...so that they may be as one as we are one.

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 light unto my path.
(w/m: a. grant)

meditation

- **the legacy of unity** -
howard hanger

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

gift of song

“wayfaring stranger”

ed entmacher & anam cara

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)

everything affects everything else, and there is a beauty and harmony of life to be appreciated.

❖ jim henson

there is a style, a divine style in everything that exists, which shows that it was created by the same artist. everything is multiplicity within unity. everything is both like other things and unique.

❖ ernesto cardenal, abide in love

the christian doctrine of the communion of saints is simple, really.

all it says is that once you buy the farm you still live on the farm.

all it says is that past generations still count

and must be taken into account.

in other words, we're all in this together.

all of us.

❖ mitch finley, whispers of love

seen from space, earth has no national borders, no military zones, no visible fences. quite the opposite. you can see how storm systems swirling above a continent may well affect the grain yield half a world away. the entire atmosphere of the planet---all the air we breathe, all the sky we fly through, even the ozone layer---is visible as the thinnest rind. the picture eloquently reminds one that earth is a single organism.

❖ diane ackerman, the rarest of the rare

consider a jigsaw puzzle. each piece has its place and no other piece can fit that place. yet no one piece makes sense on its own. each piece needs the whole for its integrity and coherence. and the whole needs each piece to fulfill its purpose and bring meaning and order to the puzzle.

❖ rabbi rami m. shapiro, wisdom of the jewish sages

nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in our lifetime;
therefore, we must be saved by hope.
nothing which is true or beautiful or good makes complete sense
in any immediate context of history;
therefore, we must be saved by faith.
nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone;
therefore we are saved by love.
❖ reinhold niebuhr

god's peace prompts service among brother and sisters
in that way one creature sustains another.
one enriches the other, and that is why
all creatures are interdependent.
❖ meister eckhart

in one of his ecological treatises, scientist gregory bateson asks, "what pattern connects the crab to the lobster and the orchid to the primrose and all four of them to me? and me to you?" the mystics say love is the pattern that stitches the universe together.
❖ frederic and mary ann brussat, spiritual literacy

the great paradox of the spiritual life is, indeed, that the most personal is most universal, that the most intimate, is most communal, and that the most contemplative is most active.
❖ henri nouwen, here and now

heaven is my father
and earth is my mother
and even such a small creature as i
finds an intimate place in its midst.
that which extends throughout the universe
and i regard as my body
and that which directs the universe,
i regard as my nature.
all people are my brothers and sisters
and all things are my companions.
chang-tsai