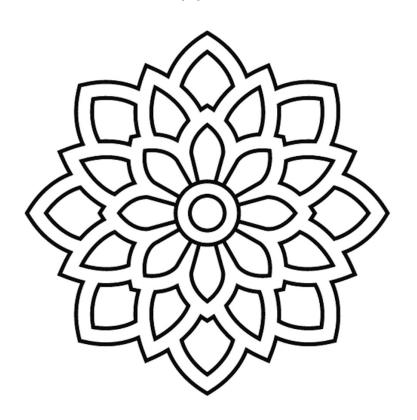


"A Community Of Many Faithing Communities Where All Belong!"

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Welcome To Worship

June 9, 2024 9:30 a.m.



Welcome to this time of being with God and each other.

"Recipe for a REAL REALM" – Betty Salamun

♦Candle lighting and Chimes

♦Prelude "For You O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits"

Tippe Musicians

♦Welcome and community news

We encourage you to experience worship with us by gathering via Zoom: 6 p.m on Sunday evenings for Centering Prayer 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings for *Sanctuary Time of Belonging*. The next meeting for this group is on June 12th. (no meetings on June 5th or June 19th.)

Our June Summer Supper Service with Prince of Peace – we are hosting! Join us on Wednesday, June 19^{th} at 5;30 p.m. We'll gather for worship at the labyrinth – bring a chair and a dish to pass.

♦ Centering Ourselves in this Moment

We are cast in God's image. So, let's remind ourselves, of ourselves!

♦Readying Ourselves for Worship Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground! Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!

♦Becoming Present to God and Each Other - Our Check-in

How Are You as You Arrive...how is it with your spirit?

~ The Joy of Passing the Peace ~ May the peace that surpasses all understanding be with you

And also with you Thanks be to God

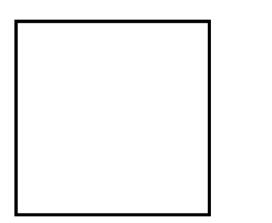
♦ Gathering as God's People: Our Theme: Making choices to feel whole.

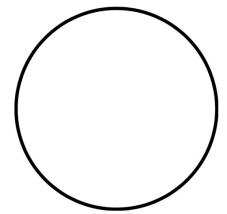
Rich Hanhardt's work with emotionally 'disturbed' children and adolescents was transformed by the recognition of their deepest needs for a compassionate community and finding their core spirituality.

The journey was framed by Teilhard de Chardin's spiritual focus – as Betsy described last week – of extending <u>grace</u> to the children and youth and not blaming them for <u>sinning</u>. The second part used psychiatrist Carl Jung's mandala art making to reveal their deep spiritual wounds.

Both parts are needed – a safe *compassionate community* to absorb the individual's pain and supporting the individual's *creativity and spirituality* to heal deep wounds.

It's also how we build community – recognizing the similarity between our individual needs and the needs of others – and, creatively figuring out how to work together. We know it's better together.





♦ Time for Young Hearts

How to make a mandala: select marker(s) then

- start with a circle, square, triangle, equilateral cross or spiral or something else
- start in the center, a corner or not, adda shape, an image or not
- make connecting lines add curved/angled/random lines or not
- fold/tear/modify the paper or not

Count backwards from 10 and start

♦ Gathering Hymn. "RAIN DOWN" (song sheet)

♦ Opening Ourselves to God's Grace. PSALM 138:7-8

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.
Your steadfast love, O GOD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

♦ Sharing our Innermost Lives with God Today's Gospel Reading 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

ONE: In accordance with scripture— "I believed, and so I spoke"

ALL: We have the same spirit of faith to say "we also believe, and so we speak"

ONE: The one who raised Jesus

ALL: will also raise us and bring us into divine presence.

ONE: Everything is for our sake,

ALL: grace extending to more and more people.

ONE: Increasing gratitude is the glory of God.

ALL: So, we do not lose heart.

ONE: Even though our outer nature is wasting away,

ALL: our inner nature is being renewed day by day.

ONE: For this slight momentary hurt

ALL: prepares us for an eternal weight of glory

ONE: beyond all measure.

ALL: We look not at the visible

ONE: but at the <u>invisible</u>.

ALL: What we see is <u>temporary</u>, ONE: what we cannot see is eternal.

ONE: Know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed,

ALL: we have a building from God.

ONE: A house not made with hands,

ALL: an eternal one in the heavens.

♦ Special Music God Hears Me When I Pray (Tippe Musicians)

♦ Prayer of Intention

Holy Spirit, may we hear your gracious Word for us today. May we grow in wisdom, strength, and love as we open our ears, our minds, and our hearts to the transformative message you have in store for each of us. Amen.

♦ Bible Wisdom Teachings 1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15

THREE CHARACTERS IN SEARCH OF COMMUNITY

Closing statement after scripture readings:

One: May we hear anew the origin stories of our faith and draw from the roots of our tradition.

All: Thanks be to our God.

♦ Message "Recipe for a REAL REALM" – Betty Salamun

♦ Reflection Questions

- What makes you feel safe? What makes you feel 'whole?'
- What 'King' holds your allegiance?
- What do you gain, what do you lose when someone else makes decisions?
- How many communities am I a part of? How does each 'feed' me?
- What 'ingredients' do I need to heal old wounds, new bruises, a blind eye, an unheard cry?
- Do I make choices from a place of spirituality, convenience, thoughtfully or in moments of passion?
- **♦ Short period of silent reflection**
- **♦ Sharing Our Wisdom**
- **♦**Hymn River of Glory (song sheet)

♦ Our gifts of support

ONE: For you know the grace of Jesus Christ that though he was rich

ALL: For our sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty we might be made rich.

♦ Community Prayers & the Pastoral Prayer

Prayer chain prayers, name prayers, etc.

ONE:

Hear our prayers, Sovereign, that we may love you with our whole being and willingly share the concerns of our neighbors. Hear our prayers and make us faithful stewards of the fragile bounty of this earth so that we may be entrusted with the riches of heaven.

These prayers of the People conclude as we say:

♦ This Version of the Lord's Prayer

ALL: God, our holy and every present Light
With your Light our spirits are feed
with daily joy and purpose

Forgive us when we contribute to the darkness.

Help us to call out those who also, contribute to the darkness.

Lead us always into the Light.

In the darkness of the world today

Illuminate our paths with righteousness.

For yours is the Light of glory, power and honor, forever and ever. Amen.

♦ Benediction PSALM 138:7-8

(With follow-along hand gestures)

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you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.
Your steadfast love, O GOD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands. AMEN.

♦ Closing

Now that the worship has ended, may the service truly begin.

♦ Our Response:

Holy One, now we your servants go in peace. Your Word lives on in us.

♦Postlude. Lord My Strength

(Please be seated until the postlude has ended.) (Then join us at the back table for sweets and coffee.)

