



CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP: Space to Consider the Journey with God

8:45 a.m. ~ January 21, 2018

The spiritual life will take you to a place you cannot imagine . . . by a road you would not have chosen.

A Celtic Prayer for Beginnings (John O'Donohue)

Matins

I arise today . . .

*In the name of silence, womb of the Word;
In the name of stillness, home of belonging;
In the name of the solitude of the soul and the earth.*

I arise today . . .

*Blessed by all things . . . wings of breath, delight of eyes, wonder of whisper, intimacy of touch,
eternity of soul, urgency of thought, miracle of health, embrace of God.*

May I live this day . . .

*Compassionate of heart, gentle in word, gracious in awareness, courageous in thought,
generous in love. Amen.*

Moved Onward by God's Vision

"Be Thou My Vision"

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, Oh bright heaven's sun.
Heart of my own heart whatever be fall;
still be my vision, Oh Ruler of all.*

Silent Prayer and Reflection with a Psalm

Psalm 37 (Opening to You)

*Trust what is and do good
Be where you are in truthfulness
Take delight in what is
And your heart's desire will be fulfilled*

*Be committed to life
Trust what is
And all will be as it must be . . .*

*Be quiet before what is
Wait patiently and simply . . .*

*As for the upright – you are their salvation
Their strength in times of distress
You help them, rescue them, make them whole
Rescue them from heedlessness
Keep them safe
Because they are the ones
Who have trusted you
Who've given themselves wholly over
To waiting with what is*

God's Presence Always and Everywhere

"Within Our Darkest Night"

*Within our darkest night,
you kindle the fire that never dies away, never dies away.
Within our darkest night,
you kindle the fire that never dies away, never dies away.*

Waterfall Prayer (with sung response)

*Love, like a waterfall, falling on us, flooding our hearts with grace and peace.
Healing waters flow, flowing on us, flooding our hearts with love.
Every moment of every day God is loving us.
Showers of mercy and waves of forgiveness are covering us.*

"Love Like a Waterfall"

Two Journey Stories

Genesis 12:1 - 4 (The Message)

God's Invitation, Our Response

*Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?*

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go, where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

"The Summons"

Attending to Our Experience

A Guided Meditation

Trusting As We Follow

*O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways;
And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.*

"Step by Step"

Preparing the Table of Christ

Getting into the Boat

*Beloved, you have asked me
to get into your little boat of grace,
such a small boat on such wide waters.
So gently you say:
You don't need to know where we are going.
You don't need to believe we will arrive,
You don't even need to trust the boat.
You just need to get in.*

"Little Boat" by Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Sung Benediction

*Your love is deep, Your love is high
Your love is long, Your love is wide
Your love is deeper than my view of grace, higher than this worldly place
Longer than this road I travel, wider than the gap you've filled*

"Your Love Is Deep"

*Please note your attendance at the foyer sign-in sheets. You may place offerings & prayer requests in the basket at the rear of the Chapel.

**Come to the Anchor House tonight at 6:00 for a Community Dinner (entrée is provided, so please bring a dessert or side-dish to share). The search committee for the next leader of The Center will be introduced. Senior Pastor, John Stephens will also be with us.



Two Journey Stories

Genesis 12:1 - 4 (The Message)

GOD told Abram: "Leave your country, your family, and your father's home for a land that I will show you. I'll make you a great nation and bless you. I'll make you famous; you'll be a blessing. I'll bless those who bless you; those who curse you I'll curse. All the families of the Earth will be blessed through you." So Abram left just as GOD said, and Lot left with him.