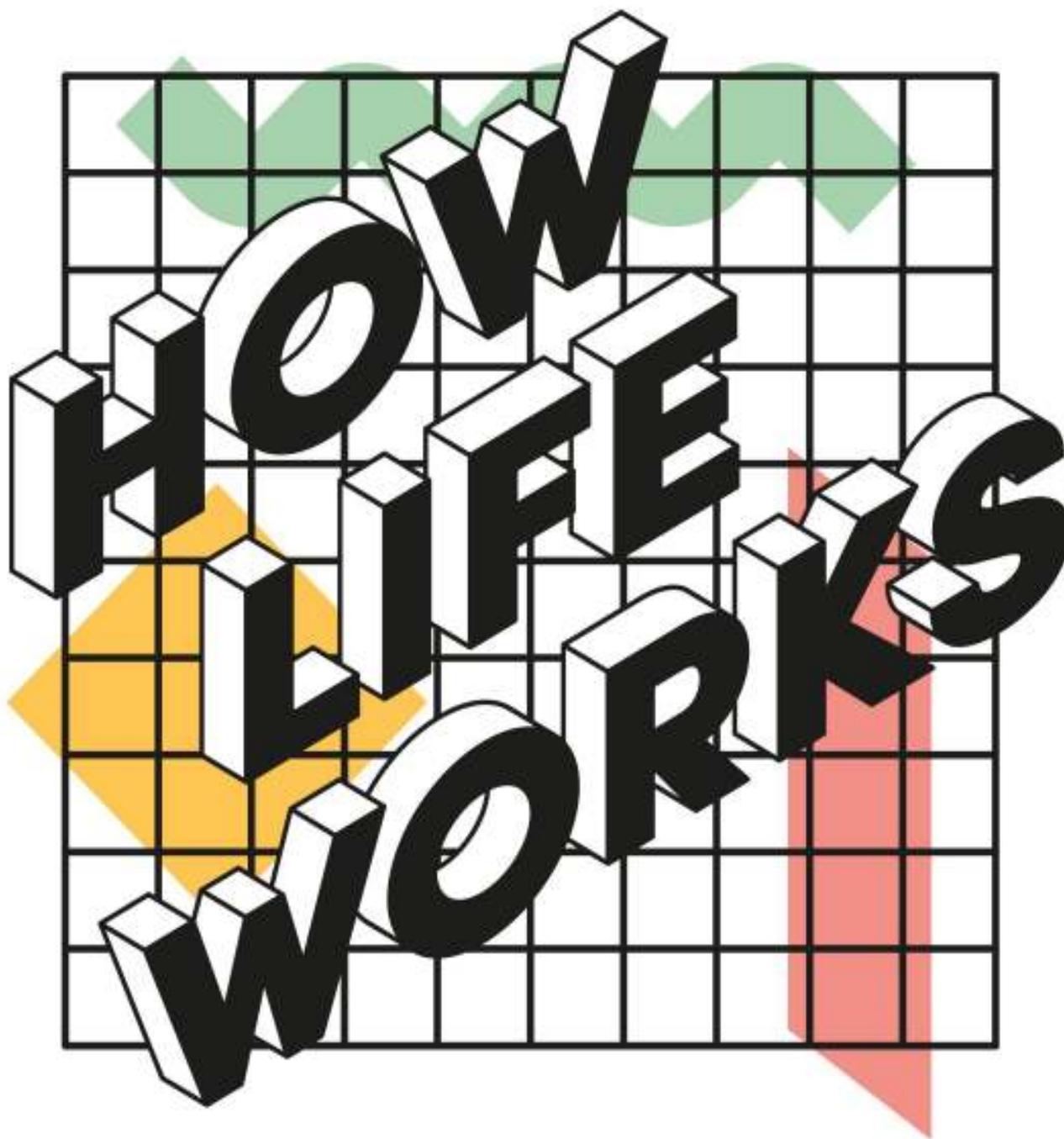


Spirituality of Work



Still Discerning!

Sept. 1, 2019

Gathering of Spirits— Word and Song

Gathering Music and Prelude

Taking Care of Business

Shared by Our Great Band

Welcome and Announcements

Shared by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

Call to Worship and Passing the Peace

Led by Gordon Schneider ~ Please stand if you're comfortably able.

One: Come into this place.

Come in bringing all of who you are.

All: We know that we are not alone. We come here trusting there is strength and caring support for all here.

One: Welcome to this safe house of celebration.

Let us sing!

Singing Our Faith

It's The Work Of Many Hands

1. One by one we gather here for such a time as this
To celebrate with joyful heart our holy heritage,
People with a mission, anchored in our faith,
Following the Spirit's call in every time and place.

Chorus

It's the work of many hands,

It's the sound of many voices,

It's the love of many hearts that make a church.

(repeat)

2. Singing, praying, serving now, and speaking from the heart,
All of us have special gifts that make us who we are.
Hopeful and united as one community,
Growing with each other in God's human family.

Chorus

3. Keep searching the horizon here for evidence of grace.

The gospel message comes alive
when others you embrace.

So feed the hungry, help the
homeless, let your spirits soar.

Let the love of Jesus Christ live in
you more and more.

Chorus

Centering Prayer

Led by Gorden Schneider



Sharing of Spirits – Giving and Celebrating

Celebrations Led by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

This is our time to share the celebrations of our lives: birthdays, anniversaries, words of kindness and works of peace and justice.

Celebrate your heart and your spirit,
Celebrate your life while you live it.
Even when it's hard to do,
Celebrate the best of you.

Celebrate your dreams and your visions,
Celebrate the love you've been given.
Cherish all that you've been through,
Celebrate the best of you.

Celebrating Community With One Table

Led by Dr. Rev. Patricia Standtal Clarke and Rev. Ken Heintzelman

One: Our celebration of life and love continues with our sharing of bread and cup. When Jesus gathered with his friends to tell them of a re-imagined way of living and being, the conversations often went on into the time for a meal. Jesus ate and conversed with the high and mighty, with the pious and self-righteous, and with those considered outcasts and sinners.

All: His table fellowship included everyone.

He often told them stories that caused them to wonder and ask questions.

One: He also welcomed these opportunities to eat with those who disagreed with him and engaged them in open discussion.

All: In this way, the issues of life and death, justice and injustice, conflict and peace, goodness and evil, were talked through and made real to ordinary people.

One: Jesus used the meal as a demonstration of his teaching. He urged his followers to include a wide variety of people in what he called the realm of God. And he encouraged them to be open to the insights and understandings that come from honest and respectful dialogue among those who seek a worthy way of life. We are here to carry on the traditions of seeking truth and recognizing goodness wherever they may be found. To this end, everyone is invited and encouraged to share in this symbolic meal.

All: This being so, we embody the Spirit of Life and Love when we gather around this table and pledge ourselves anew to each other and the remaking of the world.

Our communion servers are invited to come forward and take their places to create our communion stations.

PIANO SIDE

CENTER AISLE

CHOIR SIDE

Patricia/Reta

Joyce/Gordon

Wine/Bread

Wine/Bread

Please come forward because all are welcome. Come down the center aisle and return by way of the side aisles. Take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, take and eat. Our communion offering is dedicated to our Facilities Improvement Fund.

Communion Song

With My Own Two Hands

Led by Our Cornerstone Chorale

Offerings

Led by Gordon Schneider

Our offerings for the celebration of life in this place and beyond, for the furthering of justice, inclusion, and spirituality, shall now be received.

Offertory

Shared by Our Great Band

Feeding of Spirits with the Word About Life

Word About Life

John 13

Shared by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

1) It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. 2) The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. 3) Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; 4) so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. 5) After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. 12) When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. 13) "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14) Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. 15) I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16) Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17) Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

The Word About Life for Today

Shared by Tim Schmaltz

PRAYER AFTER THE SERMON AND SONG

One: Blessed are we as a holy and good people called to share our skilled gifts and talents to do holy and good work in the world.

All: Blessed are we as co-creators with the Source of Life and Love

One: In this prayer, we are grateful for the gift of work in the world, as we follow in the steps of our ancestors, as co-creators with the Holy One, united in and with the universe and all people of goodwill.

One: We are thankful for our unique personal gifts, those unique gifts given to do work that lifts us, lifts our families, lifts our communities, that give us purpose and meaning, and continues the grace and goodness of creation.

All: Blessed are we as co-creators with the Source of Life and Love

One: Our good work gives life --- body and spirit --- to our dreams and hopes and provide us the necessities and goodness of life.

One: We are grateful for the common tasks, all the necessary daily labors of life, which are the embodied ways we experience grace and goodness in our daily life's struggles and joys.

All: Blessed are we as co-creators with the Source of Life and Love.

One: We are grateful for the farmers and farm laborers who supply our daily food and needs.

One: We are grateful for teachers and nurses and doctors, for engineers and construction workers and carpenters and plumbers and janitors and school cooks, for seamstresses and accountants and legislators and ministers and office administrators, for taxi drivers and campaign managers and reporters, for insurance experts and financial advisors and lawyers and city planners and social workers, for manufacturers and mechanics, musicians and software engineers and fire fighters and police officers, for computer programmers and pilots, and for all people of goodwill, for all laborers in the vineyard, who use their unique talents and gifts to build the common good and the beloved community.

All: Blessed are we to embrace our calling to do good and holy work

One: We are grateful for mothers and fathers and grandparents and uncles and aunts and friends --- all caregivers --- who wash each others' feet daily to make life possible, make life bearable, bring healing when needed, and make life joyful and good.

All: Blessed are we to embrace our calling to do good and holy work

One: We embrace the mystery of work, its mundane and mystical parts, the joys and struggles, the organizational politics, the struggle to make sense of it, the bad bosses, the difficult co-workers, the failed projects, the wasted meetings, the struggle to avoid burnout while remaining true to ourselves and our gifts and our calling to build the common good and the beloved community.

All: Blessed are we to embrace our calling to do good and holy work

One: We are grateful to all the saints and our ancestors and teachers, bosses, and people of goodwill who inspired us, nurtured, and encouraged our talents and gifts so we could embrace our personal gifts, taught and helped us see who we could be, helped us embrace the struggle of good work with mindfulness and attention, with care and devotion, with goodness and grace.

All: Blessed are we as co-creators with the Source of Life and Love. Blessed are, we who embrace our calling to do good and holy work.

All: AMEN!

Sending Forth Song

Turn The World Around

We come from the fire, living in the fire

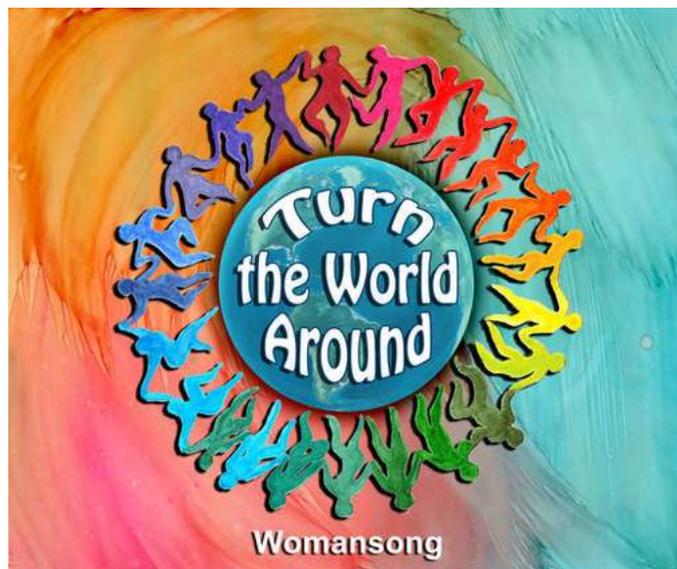
Go back to the fire, turn the world around

We come from the fire, living in the fire

Go back to the fire, turn the world around

We come from the water, living in the water
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We come from the water, living in the water
Go back to the water, turn the world around

We come from the mountain, living on the mountain
Go back to the mountain, turn the world around
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