



Relationship Status

It's Complicated



The Citizenship Question...



Still Discerning!

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Gathering of Spirits—Word and Song

The text "Welcome Home" is written in a large, elegant, black cursive font. The word "Welcome" is on the top line, and "Home" is on the bottom line, with the letters overlapping and flowing together. The "H" in "Home" has a large, decorative loop that extends downwards and to the right.

Gathering Music and Prelude

Shared by Our Great Band

Welcome and Announcements

Shared by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

Singing Our Faith How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies
(Miriam Therese Winter, adapted from "America the
Beautiful" by Katharine Lee Bates)

How beautiful, our spacious skies, our amber waves of grain;
our purple mountains as they rise above the fruitful plain.
America! America! God's gracious gifts abound,
And more and more we're grateful for life's bounty all around.

Indigenous and immigrant, our daughters and our sons;
O may we never rest content till all are truly one.
America! America! God grant that we may be
A sisterhood and brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

How beautiful, sincere lament, the wisdom born of tears,
the courage called for to repent the bloodshed through
the years.

America! America! God grant that we may be
a nation blessed with none oppressed, true land of liberty.

How beautiful, two continents, and islands in the sea
That dream of peace, nonviolence, all people living free.
Americas! Americas! God grant that we may be
a hemisphere where people here all live in harmony.

Call to Worship and Passing the Peace

Led by Sue Stuart ~ Please stand if you're comfortably able.

One: Life sets before us many choices: to what and to
whom will we be faithful?

**All: Discernment is the way we choose our path!
Today we discern our place in this nation and
in the kin-dom always coming into being.**

One: May our work together and our shared values
help us choose paths of citizenship wisely.

**All: As we greet one another, may our hearts swell
with gratitude for the gift of community.**

One: Let us greet each other as a sign of God's peace.

Sharing of Spirits – Giving and Celebrating

Special Music

Better Than a Hallelujah

Shared by Peg Heintzelman

Words and Music by Amy Grant

Celebrations Led by Herb Tucker

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.

Prayers of the Community and Invitation to Give

Offered by Karen Richter

Offerings and Offertory

Shared by Our Great Band

Dedication of Our Offerings

Led by Sue Stuart

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

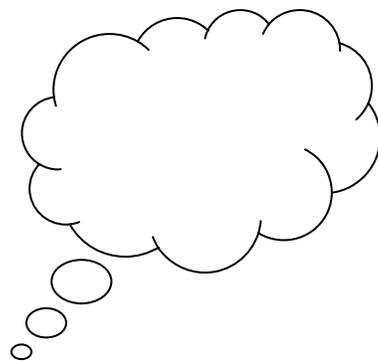
Feeding of Spirits with the Word About Life

Word About Life

Amos 9: 14-15

Shared by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

- 14) I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel,
and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine,
and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.
- 15) I will plant them upon their land,
and they shall never again be plucked up
out of the land that I have given them,
says the Lord your God.



Exploring Dual Citizenship

Shared by Karen Richter and Rev. Ken Heintzelman

- **Receive a Pocket Constitution**
- **Word About Life**
- **Participate in our wedgeblade ministry discernment process**

'What new work of inclusion, justice and spirituality is ours to do as a congregation?'

The Parting of Spirits and Loving the World

Words for Mission

by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

One: Eternal Light, shine in our hearts.

Eternal Power, be our strength.

Eternal Wisdom, guide us as we serve you and the world.

Eternal Goodness, you have drawn us to your heart and united us in this fellowship called Shadow Rock.

All: Now grant that with all our hearts, and mind, and strength,

We all may evermore be sensitive and responsive to your current work in the midst of our history.

One: And finally, by your infinite Spirit of Life and Love, grant us wisdom as we seek to perceive and respond to Your will for our spiritual home and our future together.

All: Help us to keep the needs of every member and of the greater community in our minds and hearts through every step of our discernment process.

One: In the spirit of the core values of inclusion, justice, and spirituality we pray. These are the times!

All: We are the people.

One: All of Creation is blessed.

All: May we love all and serve all.

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Amen.

All: Amen.

Sending Forth Song

Just One Hand

(Music by Pete Seeger Words by Alex Comfort)

1. Just one hand can't build a Shadow Rock.
Just two hands can't build a Shadow Rock.
But if two and two and fifty make a million.
We'll see that day come 'round.
We'll see that day come 'round.
2. Just one prayer can't lead the way to peace.
Just two prayers can't lead the way to peace... Chorus
3. Just one laugh can't build a better world.
Just two laughs can't build a better world... Chorus
4. Just one hand can't build a better world.
Just two hands can't build a better world... Chorus
5. Just one heart can't fill the world with love.
Just two hearts can't fill the world with love... Chorus

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