



What do you fear



Still Discerning!

Sept. 22, 2019

Gathering of Spirits – Word and Song

Gathering Music and Prelude

Shared by Our Great Band

Welcome and Announcements

Shared by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

Singing Our Faith

God Is Still Speaking

**God is still speaking, blessed invitation,
God is still speaking, listen and draw near,
God is still speaking, see a new creation,
God is still speaking, stand and do not fear.**

All creation groans and yearns.

God is still speaking.

Seek the way that life returns.

Listen and draw near.

Through our broken, wounded earth, **God is still speaking.**

God can bring new seeds to birth.

Stand, and do not fear.

Refrain

To the ones enslaved, oppressed,

God is still speaking.

God is here in human dress.

Listen and draw near.

When the poor and lost are found,

God is still speaking.

When the mighty are cast down,

Stand, and do not fear.

Refrain

In the bleak and hopeless hour,
God is still speaking.

Love is telling truth to pow'r.

Listen and draw near.

Tho' the nations rage and fight,

God is still speaking.

Hear the Word of breaking light.

Stand, and do not fear.

Refrain

Call to Worship and Passing the Peace

Led by Nanci Campbell ~ 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 listen for a vision of God's intended healing and wholeness for all people.**

One: May our work together and our shared values help us choose paths of wholeness 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

The Power of Love

Shared by Travis Meyers

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.

Prayers of the Community and Invitation to Give

Offered by Michael Curry

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

Offerings and Offertory

Shared by Our Great Band

Feeding of Spirits with the Word About Life

Word About Life

1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

Shared by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

12) We beg you, our friends, to pay proper respect to those who work among you, who guide and instruct you in the Good life. 13) Treat them with the greatest respect and love because of the work they do. Be at peace among yourselves.

14) We urge you, our friends, to warn those that just sit around, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 15) See that no one pays back wrong for wrong, but at all times make it your aim to do good to one another and to all people.

16) Be joyful always, 17) pray at all times, 18) be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants from you in your life with one another.

19) Do not restrain the Holy Spirit; 20) do not spurn inspired messages. 21) See God's vision in all things: keep what is good 22) and avoid every kind of discontent.

23) Now may the God of Wholeness make you holy in every way and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept whole.

Word About Life

Shared by Rev. Dr. Patricia Standtal Clarke

The Parting of Spirits and Loving the World

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 minds, 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

We Are the Family

by Ray Repp

Chorus

**We are the family and we are the home,
We are the mountain where love can be known.
We are the voices and we are the hands
For bringing peace to our land.**

(Repeat)

- 1. And in our family all are welcome,
Doesn't matter who you are,
In our home there's always room so plan to stay.
On our mountain where we labor
There's much work that's left to do,
And your talents would be helpful if you stay.**

Chorus

- 2. And in our family ev'ry nation,
Ev'ry planet, ev'ry race,
Ev'ryone is always welcome to our home.
And with our voices let us tell you
That we mean just what we say,
And with our hands united, let us pray.**

Chorus

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