

ORDER OF SERVICE
MARCH 4, 2007 **9:15 & 11:15 A.M.**

I am not I.

I am this one
Walking beside me whom I do not see,
Whom at times I manage to visit,
And whom at other times I forget;
The one who remains silent when I talk,
The one who forgives, sweet, when I hate,
The one who takes a walk where I am not,
The one who will remain standing when I die.

(Juan Ramon Jimenez, tr., Robert Bly,
in The Soul Is Here For Its Own Joy, p. 246)

*** Gathering Song** “Here We Have Gathered” (#360)

Here we have gathered, gathered side by side;
circle of kinship, come and step inside!
May all who seek here find a kindly word;
may all who speak here feel they have been heard.
Sing now together this, our hearts’ own song.

*** Call to Worship**

*** Lighting the Chalice** (in unison)

Though our knowledge is incomplete,
Our truth partial,
And our love imperfect,
We believe that new light is ever waiting
To break into our hearts and minds,
To enlighten our common path,
That there is mutual strength in willing cooperation,
And that the bonds of love keep open the gates of freedom.

*** Musical Response** (#396 – sung by the congregation)

I know this rose will open. I know my fear will burn away.
I know my soul will unfurl its wings. I know this rose will open.
+++++Latecomers may be seated+++++

Responsive Reading

MINISTER: Trippers and askers surround me, people I meet, the effect upon me of my early life or the ward and city I live in, or the nation,

CONGREGATION: MINISTER: The latest dates, discoveries, inventions, societies, authors old and new,

MINISTER: My dinner, dress, associates, looks, compliments, dues, the real or fancied indifference of some man or woman I love,

CONGREGATION: The sickness of one of my folks or of myself, or ill-doing or loss or lack of money,

MINISTER: Or depressions or exaltations, battles, the horrors of fratricidal war, the fever of doubtful news, the fitful events:

CONGREGATION: These come to me days and nights and go from me again, but they are not the Me myself.

MINISTER: Apart from the pulling and hauling stands what I am, stands amused, complacent, compassionating, idle, unitary, looks down, is erect, or bends an arm on an impalpable certain rest,

CONGREGATION: Looking with side-curved head curious what will come next, both in and out of the game and watching and wondering at it.

MINISTER: Backward I see in my own days where I sweated through fog with linguists and contenders, I have no mockings or arguments, I witness and wait.

CONGREGATION: I believe in you my soul, the other I am must not abase itself to you, and you must not be abased to the other.

(Walt Whitman, "Song of Myself," chants 4, 5; Leaves of Grass)

Hymn #1008 "When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place"

H.O.P.E. Offering & Singing Out the Children

Go now in peace. Go now in peace.
May the spirit of love surround you
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

Congregational Announcements

Testimonial: David Alvarez (9:15); Deborah Hammond (11:15)

Offering & Offertory

Joys and Sorrows, Period of Silence, Musical Response

Reading

Special Music

Sermon

"Inner Work"

*** Closing Hymn #1002**

"Comfort Me"

*** Spoken Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice**

*** Closing Song**

"From You I Receive" (#402)

From you I receive, to you I give,
together we share, and from this we live.

* Please rise as willing and able

Hearing assistance devices are available to the left of the sanctuary door as you enter the building.

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR TODAY'S SERVICES

Musical Response: "Winds of Peace," traditional Hebrew Round

Special Music: "Cantate Domino Alleluia," Christy Miller

Music at both services today is provided by Trillium, a local woman's chorus in their fourth season, directed by Leslie Lewis. We are grateful for their interest and willingness in singing for us.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Service, March 11, 9:15 & 11:15 a.m. Rev. Bode.

"Owning Your Own Shadow" – This sermon will explore themes in one of Robert A. Johnson's most important books, Owning Your Own Shadow, which has to do with understanding the dark, hidden side of the psyche.

Also, at both services, we will celebrate 13 children who have successfully completed the Chalice Journey Program. They will lead us in song, and receive their chalice as well as our blessing.

It's time to relive your favorite Myths, Fairy Tales and Fables. Dine with your princess, meet your hero, confront the wicked queen, and frolic with gremlins. Its all happening at the at the **annual Stewardship Celebration Dinner, Friday, March 23, Erickson Building at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds.** You will be called to make your reservation.

Oregon Poets – This Friday evening, **March 9th**, at **7:00 p.m.** poet **Charles Goodrich** will return with fellow Oregon poet **Clemens Starck** to give a free public reading in the Sanctuary. All Fellowship members and guests are invited to attend. Sponsored by ALPS. More information is available on a flyer at the back of the sanctuary.

QUUF Accessibility Task Force is forming to assist in planning for the needs of people with disabilities, including hearing, vision and elders. **First meeting will be March 5, 10:30 a.m.-noon in RE #2.** Contact Erica Brunquist at 385-9540, or Julie Duke at 385-4771.

Last Sunday more than 150 members participated in the "**How did you get to Church?**" survey carried out by 3 of our youth and members of the Green Sanctuary Committee. If you did NOT answer the survey last week, please see Kees or Helen Kolff after the first service today.

Rainshadow, a local choral group with QUUF members, and **The Sound of the Northwest**, a choral group from Seattle, are presenting two concerts of spirituals and other music from the African American heritage at the First Presbyterian Church, **Sat., Mach 10 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 11 at 2:30 p.m.** Suggested donation is \$10.

THIS MONTH'S DESIGNATED OFFERINGS

March 11 – Habitat for Humanity of East Jefferson County – Partners with low-income families to build lives on the foundation of homeownership. Their mission is accomplished by building simple, decent houses in collaboration with families and communities.

March 25 – UUSC Tsunami Relief Fund – Two years after the tsunami in Sri Lanka and Thailand, recovery is far from complete, but survivors continue to rebuild their lives and find hope in the wake of tragedy. UUSC is working with marginalized groups – including women -- to rebuild their livelihoods.

WHEEL OF LIFE

Sandy Stewart recently learned she had ovarian cancer and is planning to begin chemotherapy this coming week. She and Tom appreciate your thoughts and good wishes, but are not yet ready for visits.

Helene Fatt-Everett fell this past week breaking her left shoulder. Currently, her shoulder is immobilized and she is planning to recuperate at home after a brief stay at KahTai Care Center. She welcomes visitors.

Donna Logan has had two recent surgeries, one a planned knee surgery and the other an unplanned gall bladder surgery. She has been hospitalized with some complications most of this week, but hopes to be home by this weekend.