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9:30am

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***To Heal, Inspire and Empower in the Way of Jesus
So that all people may create lives of deeper meaning and greater value.***

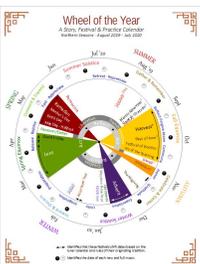
Preparation for Worship

Welcome to Lent! We were so blessed to welcome you to the Courtyard for Ashes on Wednesday. If you were not able to join us, please receive this blessing which arises from the Rabbinic tradition of Jesus and honors an Eastern, koan-like, mystery that we pray will inspire your Lenten journey:

***“You are no more than dust and ash...
The entire world has been made just for you.”***

This Sunday we begin a 6-part series - a conversation between Judeo-Christian Lenten practice and the Pancha MahaBhuta (Mahābhūtas) the “great elements” of Eastern traditions such as Hinduism, Buddhism, and Yogic practice. In the materials this Sunday you will find an image of a Lenten Cosmos that we will engage as a path to “Pray a New Possibility” for your Life - a gift to be offered to the world on Easter Morning.

Print Your New Wheel of the Year



The Wheel of the Year offers a sanctuary from which to choose your life in relationship to Stories, Festivals, and Practices that are not dependent on circumstances. To practice with the Wheel is an act of freedom *within* one's circumstance (*shalom*).

[Click here](#) to view/print your Wheel! Place somewhere you will encounter it every day and explore it with us on Sundays.

PRELUDE

All Things Bright & Beautiful
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HYMN

I Can See Clearly Now

by Johnny Nash

I can see clearly now the rain is gone
I can see all obstacles in my way
Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind
It's gonna be a bright (bright) Bright (bright) sunny day
It's gonna be a bright (bright) Bright (bright) sunny day

I think I can make it now the pain is gone
All of the bad feelings have disappeared
Here is that rainbow I've been praying for
It's gonna be a bright (bright) Bright (bright) sunny day
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Look all around, there's nothing but blue skies
Look straight ahead, there's nothing but blue skies

I can see clearly now the rain is gone
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What We're Doing Here

by Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer

This is why we are here—
not merely to survive but to fall in love
with the white-breasted hawk and the rainbow fish,
with the lonely sidewalk and the shadows of ourselves,
fall in love with the hands of the woman wearing yellow
and the girl who loves chocolate
and the boy who loves cars
and the one who makes us want to be
a better version of ourself.

We are here to fall into unmanageable love—
to love beyond reason, beyond fact, beyond certainty.
We are here to lose all our ideas about love
and know it as the next choice we make,
the next word we say,
the next invitation we offer ourselves.

We are here to love the world and each other
the way whales love water,
the way blue loves a peacock,
the way night blooming jasmine loves night.

Psalms 16: 7-11

I shall recognize (*see*) the Divine
who offers me counsel in the night,
the bodily seat¹ of my emotion/affection instructs me.

8 I set the Source of Life always before me;
So that as I step forward in creative action, I shall not stumble and fall

9 Therefore the Divine rejoices in my heart
and exults my soul; indeed my body tabernacles, dwells, in trust.

10 For you do not let me go into the trap of separation,
or let your faithful one give attention to that which is destructive.

11 You show me the path of Life².
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
At your right hand, never ending Eden³ (*delight*).

¹ The 'bodily seat' is a Hebrew reference to the kidneys, suggesting an energy that moves one forward into Life from the back-body which is located behind one's "gut" the seat of emotion and affection.

² The Phonetic pronunciation of the Hebrew, Ha'i, Life, bears a fruitful similarity to the phonetic acronym of our congregation's three pillars, **H**ealing, **I**nspiration, and **E**mpowerment, "Hi-E."

³ The original language here is "delight", in Hebrew, "naw-eem." Delight recalls that Eden is the garden of *delight* which calls forward more than emotion but also a "sense of God-drenched fruitful space/geography."



The Bread-Giver's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

(a translation of the traditional Lord's Prayer from the Greek)

Source of Life:
Present within, between, and beyond,
hallowed be your name.
Your Logos come.
Your hope be done -
upon the earth, as it is already in the heavens.
Gift us this day - enough bread.
And forgive us our error,
as we forgive others who's err is also to be human.
And let us not be led into temptation
but rather guided beyond our separation.

Opportunities for Ministry & Mission

Text in Church

If you'd like to receive occasional inspiring and informative short text messages from Pr Jason and our church, we would LOVE to include you! ***Simple reply to this email right now with your name and cell phone number and we will sign you up.*** You can unsubscribe instantly by simply texting STOP to any text you might receive. We think you will find this to be a truly meaningful way to stay connected in small ways with our whole congregation. C'mon hit reply right now!

Virtual Annual Meeting February 28th, 2021

Please be sure to send in your ballot by email or US Mail asap!

For the first time in history, UCC Petaluma will hold its Annual Meeting virtually! Yes, we'd all prefer to gather in person AND... we open ourselves to new possibilities by participating in this year's annual meeting in a new way. If you have not received an email with complete details regarding how to join in this important day, please contact the church office and our wonderful volunteer, Sarah Foley (Jason's sister in Alameda), who will get you everything you need! You don't have to be a member of the church to attend the meeting. Yes, voting is limited to members. Your participation, even if just to watch, would be a gift to us all.

Petaluma Interfaith Climate Action Conversation Mon, March 1, at 6:00pm

(PT) the Petaluma Interfaith Clergy invite members of their congregations and interested visitors to hear a presentation from representatives of the City of Petaluma's Climate Action Commission about the [Climate Emergency Framework](#) recently approved by the Petaluma City Council.

The Petaluma Interfaith Climate Action Conversation will explore how shared moral values and religious perspectives inform our response to this crisis, as well as practices and actions we can adopt to make common cause with our neighbors.

Presented by Petaluma Climate Action Commission members Ned Orrett and Jean Ger, the conversation will be hosted and moderated by Rev. Daniel Green from St. John's Episcopal Church. Participating congregations include St. John's, Elim Lutheran, B'nai Israel Jewish Center, First Presbyterian, Petaluma United Methodist, and UCC of Petaluma.

To register, click the link below:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=polqdoabb&oeidk=a07ehle1pe9227ac3a1>

Fill out the registration form and click submit. Included in your confirmation email will be the Zoom meeting **link**.

10 Days to Activate Revolutionary Love

A number of you have shared your transformative experience with the People's Inauguration and listening to Valarie Kaur over the last 2 weeks. We kicked off The People's Inauguration by offering the People's Oath in our Courtyard as one of many partner organizations. If you participated in this or in any of the 10 Days, here's what you have been a part of:

- We joined 115 million people online through these events
- We engaged 75+ visionaries on the topic of Revolutionary Love
- 40,000 of us joined in a ten-day journey through the teaching series "10 Days to Activate Revolutionary Love."

If you weren't able to join all or parts of the teaching series, that's OK!

Pr. Jason has purchased extended access to the program. If you would like to engage these powerful teachings, simply reach out to Jason at jjhubbs64@gmail.com.

COVID-19 Vaccine program for Seniors 75+ in Sonoma County

Sonoma County has been selected as one of 4 counties in the state to take part in a COVID-19 vaccination program through OptumServe. The clinic is available to Sonoma County residents **age 75 and above**.

OptumServe will administer COVID-19 vaccines at the **Rohnert Park Community Center**, 5401 Snyder Lane, RP 94928. The hours of operation are **Wednesday: Noon-6pm & Thursday-Sat: 9-6pm**. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more. Verification of age and Sonoma County residence will be needed. In order to participate, you can register by accessing the following link: <https://myoptumserve.com/covid19> or Telephone: (888) 634-1130.

Our Building and Grounds Team needs You!

Would you enjoy joining with several others who are already helping our congregation to care for our beautiful campus? If you are handy or if you enjoy managing building & grounds oriented projects, we have a place for you to make a real difference in the life of our congregation. Current projects include new and improved signage at the corner of Middlefield Dr., exterior painting needs, minor roof and gutter repairs, lighting in the Pastor's office, and many other ways to serve that do not involve skilled labor. Contact Pr. Jason directly at 616-634-1452 with your interest.

"Celebrating Families" Honors Black History Month in Petaluma

And exhibit thru March 15 Where: 40+ locations around Petaluma's downtown area, mostly in windows, with a few exceptions. You can pick up a map listing all of the display locations, and a scavenger hunt form, at the Petaluma Visitors Center (near the Arts Center and SMART Station) or at Copperfield's Books. Information: For info on

Celebrating Family and other Black History Month activities, including the virtual program set for Saturday, Feb. 27, 6:30 - 8 p.m., visit PBCD4US.com

Refreshing & Updating our Campus

Pr Jason and Moderator, David Carballal have been asked by our Church Council to lead a small technical group who will explore how our Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, and Courtyard will need to evolve as we return to in-person gatherings in the digital age in which we now live. Pandemic has required many changes in how we minister. Some of these changes have allowed us to reach hundreds of people, many of whom live locally and are likely to visit us in person when we return to in-person gatherings. We need to be ready to continue our digital ministry and greet many visitors who have never been to our campus! It will be an exciting time when we gather again in person. Our beautiful Sanctuary and grounds have outstanding architecture and features, yet they are now nearly 60 years old and are not capable of supporting the kind of ministry that is now no longer an imagined future, but part of our present life. Our spaces are tired in many places and not capable of supporting many parts of our ministry that will need to continue even after we can gather in person again. We will use this shelter-in-place time to consider and possibly complete improvements that will refresh our beautiful campus and set us up to thrive after Pandemic. We will be including listening sessions throughout the process of exploring possibilities. No decisions have been made. Everyone's voice will be heard. You'll learn about opportunities to be a part of these sessions in the months to come. If you'd like to take on more responsibility for this project, please reach out to Pr. Jason or David Carballal at djcarballal@gmail.com

Connection Circles now forming for the Spring...

If you'd like to gather face to face, COVID-safe at the church in small groups outside to share in fellowship, we will create as many of these worshipful circles as there is interest. jjhubbs64@gmail.com We'd love to see you!

Become a Sunday Zoom Host!

If you're a person who is comfortable using Zoom, please step forward as a Servant! Simply email Dana at danachristianlee@gmail.com to offer your interest. It's not hard if you are already comfortable with Zoom. Our ability to have Zoom on Sundays depends on volunteers like you! We'll train you on the fine details which are few. It will be fun!