

Jubilee! Circle Online Celebration – July 18, 2021

VIA POSITIVA: HOW I WONDER ...

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ORDER OF CELEBRATION

Opening – Rev. Candace Chellew

Calling the 4 Directions

Opening song: The Word – The Beatles

[Chorus] Say the word and you'll be free

Say the word and be like me

Say the word I'm thinking of

Have you heard the word is love?

It's so fine, it's sunshine, It's the word, love

In the beginning I misunderstood

But now I've got it, the word is good

[Chorus] Spread the word and you'll be free

Spread the word and be like me

Spread the work I'm thinking of

Have you heard the word is love?

It's so fine, it's sunshine, It's the word, love

Everywhere I go I hear it said

In the good and bad books that I have read

[Chorus] Say the word and you'll be free

Say the word and be like me

Say the word I'm thinking of

Have you heard the word is love?

It's so fine, it's sunshine, It's the word, love

Now that I know what I feel must be right
I'm here to show everybody the light

[Chorus] Give the word a chance to say
That the word is just the way
It's the word I'm thinking of
And the only word is love
It's so fine, it's sunshine, It's the word, love

Say the word, love (4x)

Announcements:

- **Come back to Jubilee! Circle in person.** We're opening the space for a limited number of people to attend in person. Masks not required for those who are fully vaccinated.
- **Sun., July 25, 2020, 11:00 a.m.:** We'll continue our Via Positiva theme of "How I Wonder ..." and explore how a sense of wonder can help us create miracles and remember who we truly are. We'll use music from Carrie Newcomer to explore the wonder of inclusion.
- **Monday, July 19, 4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.: Creating a Spiritual Practice Online Workshop:** Carolyn Gregory teaches techniques to uncover limitations and develop new skills to create a spiritual practice or deepen those you're already practicing. Bring a journal and crayons or colored pens or pencils to create your path to spiritual transformation! Suggested donation of \$20
- **Saturday, July 31, 7 p.m.: Tomorrowquest Theatre at Jubilee! Circle.** Columbia's top improv/sketch comedy group Tomorrowquest takes the stage to entertain and amaze you! Jubilee! Circle is located at 6729 Two Notch Road. Donations accepted for refreshments and beverages. Masks are not required for those who are fully vaccinated.
- **Friday, August 6, 7 p.m.: Jubilee! Circle First Friday Open Mic:** Steve Bennett kicks off the evening at 7 p.m., followed by the open mic at 8 p.m. Suggested donation of \$10 covers food and drink. Separate collection taken for feature performer.
- **We have other events in the works for the coming months including** a 2-day meditation retreat hopefully as early as September. Stay tuned! The spiritual dojo is getting cranked up at Jubilee! Circle.
- **Jubilee branded masks are here!** Get your "Oh, Yeah" mask for a \$12 donation. Send checks to PO Box 4611, Columbia, SC 29240.

Readings: From the Hebrew Scriptures: Isaiah 55:10-13: For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

From the Jesus Story: Matthew 13:18-23: "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

From A Course in Miracles, Manual for Teachers: Peace is impossible to those who look on war. Peace is inevitable to those who offer peace. How easily, then, is your judgment of the world escaped! It is not the world that makes peace seem impossible. It is the world you see that is impossible. Peace now belongs here, because a Thought of God has entered. What else but a Thought of God turns hell to Heaven merely by being what it is? Now is the question different. It is no longer, "Can peace be possible in this world?" but instead, "Is it not impossible that peace be absent here?"

Leader: These are wise and Holy words. **All:** Thanks be to the Holy

Leader: All creation is Holy Word **All:** All Creation speaks volumes of the Holy. Hallelujah!

Scripture/Hugging song: Wonder – Natalie Merchant

[Verse] Doctors have come from distant cities,
just to see me Stand over my bed,
Disbelieving what they're seeing

[Chorus] They say I must be one of the wonders of God's own creation
And as far as they see, they can offer no explanation

[Verse] People see me I'm a challenge to your balance
I'm over your heads how I confound you and astound you to know

[Chorus repeat]

[Bridge] Ooo, I believe, fate smiled at destiny
laughed as she came to my cradle
Know this child will be able
Laughed as my body she lifted
Know this child will be gifted
With love, with patience,
and with faith she'll make her way
She'll make her way, She'll make her way

Sermon – VIA POSITIVA: HOW I WONDER ... The Wonder of Words – Rev. Candace Chellew

Sermon song: Speak the Word

Tracy Chapman

Unsettled hearts, Promise what they can't deliver

Bring me the wine, And the cold night air
to clear my head, Gray matter memory house
Master of this trembling flesh
Steady still my doubts
Let me speak the word that precedes bliss

[Chorus] Let me speak the word, Let me speak the word
Love love love love love love love love
Let me speak the word, Let me speak the word
Love love love love love love love love
Let me speak the word, Let me speak the word

These weakened knees
Have not touched ground or pew in ages
I haven't bowed my head
To offer thanks to any god or to ask for favors
But watch me now, I'm falling down
Praying, To speak the word that precedes bliss

[Chorus]

Meditation: One Breath – Candace Chellew

There is one breath we breathe together
There is one breath we all share
There is one breath, we breathe together
Let us breathe as one.

Chorus: Let us breathe together, Let us breathe as one
Let us breathe as one. **(2X)**

There is one love we share together
There is one love we all share
There is one love, we love together
Let us love as one.

Chorus: Let us love together, Let us love as one
Let us love as one **(2x)**

There is one heart that beats together
There is one heart we all share
There is one heart, that beats together
Let our hearts beat as one.

Chorus: Let our hearts beat together, Let us beat as one
Let our hearts beat as one **(2x)**

There is one light, that shines forever
There is one light we all share
There is one light, that shines forever
Let our light join as one.

Chorus: Let our light shine together, in the light we are one

Let our light shine as one

Let us breathe as one.

Let us love as one

Let our hearts beat as one

Let our light shine as one

Giving our Gifts

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Closing Song: We All Walk Together – by: Candace Chellew & Michael Reisman

We all walk together, hand in hand, side by side

We all walk together, with hearts and arms open wide

We make the way by walking, in love we will abide

The path is always open, no traveler is denied

So open up your heart, forget those tears you cried

We all walk together, hand in hand, side by side

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