

Jubilee! Circle Online Celebration – September 12, 2021

VIA POSITIVA: HOW I WONDER ...

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ORDER OF CELEBRATION

Opening – Rev. Candace Chellew

Calling the 4 Directions

Opening song: Imagine – John Lennon

Imagine there's no heaven, it's easy if you try
No hell below us, above us only sky
Imagine all the people living for today

Imagine there's no countries, it isn't hard to do
Nothing to kill or die for, and no religion too
Imagine all the people living life in peace, you

You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope some day you'll join us
And the world will be as one

Imagine no possessions, I wonder if you can
No need for greed or hunger
A brotherhood of man
Imagine all the people sharing all the world, you

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But I'm not the only one
I hope some day you'll join us
And the world will be as one

Announcements:

- **Sun., Sept. 19, 11:00 a.m.:** We'll begin our new Via Negativa theme of "Seeing in the Dark," exploring how seeing the world differently dispels the darkness the ego seeks to keep us in. If we're willing to see the world differently, we can bring our darkness to the light. We'll use music from Jesus Jones to explore seeing through the darkness of being everywhere but in this present moment.
- **Friday, October 1, 7 p.m.: Jubilee! Circle First Friday Open Mic:** Feature performer 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. Stay tuned! The spiritual community is getting cranked back 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 Jesus story: Matthew 13:31-32: He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

From the Letters of the Apostle Paul: Romans 8:12-17: So, my brothers and sisters, you owe the flesh nothing! You do not need to live according to its ways, *so abandon its oppressive regime*. For if your life is just about satisfying the impulses of your sinful nature, then prepare to die. But if you have invited the Spirit to destroy these selfish desires, you will experience life. If the Spirit of God is leading you, then *take comfort in knowing* you are His children. You see, you have not received a spirit that returns you to slavery, so you have nothing to fear. The Spirit you have received adopts you *and welcomes you* into God's own family. That's why we call out to Him, "Abba! Father!" *as we would address a loving parent*. *Through that prayer*, God's Spirit confirms in our spirits that we are His children. If we are God's children, that means we are His heirs along with the Anointed, set to inherit everything that is His ...

From A Course in Miracles, Chapter 18: Trust not your good intentions. They are not enough. But trust implicitly your willingness, whatever else may enter. Concentrate only on this, and be not disturbed that shadows surround it. That is why you came. If you could come without them you would not need the holy instant. Come to it not in arrogance, assuming that you must achieve the state its coming brings with it. The miracle of the holy instant lies in your willingness to let it be what it is. And in your willingness for this lies also your acceptance of yourself as you were meant to be.

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 Willingness– Rev. Candace Chellew

Sermon Song: Willing – Candace Chellew

Verse: Look around, what do you see? Hatred, violence and treachery

Our eyes veiled with tears, gripped by our fears

But look beyond the fear and see the beauty here

Invite love to lift the veil, set our souls a-sail, because

Chorus: I am willing to see this differently

I am willing for my mind to be set free

I am willing to see this differently

I am willing for the miracle I need

Verse: Look deeper and you will see, people in their egos fast asleep

In this illusion of pain, we willingly remain

We can awaken from this dream - things are not as they seem

The dark becomes light if we're open to new sig---ht and be

Chorus: willing to see this differently

I am willing for my mind to be set free

I am willing to see this differently

I am willing for the miracle I need

Bridge: Underneath it all is divinity

Present in the trees, flowers, you and me

Fear is not our reality

Love is the answer to all we see

Chorus: I am willing to see this differently

I am willing for my mind to be set free

I am willing to see this differently

I am willing for the miracle I need (repeat)

Ending:

I am open to the miracle I seek

I am willing

Meditation song: Song of the Soul – Cris Williamson

Love of my life I am crying,

I am not dying, I am dancing

Dancing along in the madness

There is no sadness, Only the song of the soul

Chorus: And we'll sing this song,

Why don't you sing along

Then we can sing for a long, long time

Why don't you sing this song

Then we can sing along

Then we can sing for a long, long time

What do you do for a living

Are you forgiving, giving shelter

Follow your heart, love will find you

Truth will unbind you

Seek out a song of the soul

Chorus repeat

Come to your life like a warrior

Nothing will bore yer, you can be happy

Let in the light, it will heal you

And you can feel you, Sing out a song of the soul

Chorus repeat

Giving our Gifts

***Affirmation:** I walk in my integrity, grounded in my divinity, supported by loving community, knowing that all my needs and more are always being met.*

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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

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