



"A Community Of Many Faithing Communities Where All Belong!"

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# Welcome To Worship

February 28, 2021

9:30 a.m.

*Creating Possibility: Learning to Live "As If!"*

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to an "Even though" ...this or that happens approach to life  
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Welcome to this time of being with God and each other.

**TODAY'S WORSHIP**

*Second Sunday in Lent*

Preparing To Worship...



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✧ **Welcome and Community News**

✧ **Reading Ourselves for Worship**

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✧ **Becoming Present to God and Each Other...Our Check-in:**

*How Are You As You Arrive...how is it with your spirit?*

✧ **Gathering as God's People:**

Pastor: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is God's deepest desire, what is good and acceptable and perfect." "Live as if there were no tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever." (Paul and Mahatma Gandhi)

**All: Sing like no one is listening. Love like you've never been hurt. Dance like nobody's watching, and live like heaven is on earth. (Twain) Live like you "Believe." Live "Even Though." Live "As If" the new realm is here and now. Good News! It is!**

✧Gathering Poem and Special Music Video: We Are Gentle Angry People

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eYW0JDD380A>

✧Opening Ourselves to God's Grace

✧Sharing Our Inner Most Lives with God

**Holiness, I do believe...as best I can. I am striving to live "As If" You were right beside me in the choices I make every day. But sometimes I am frantic and flustered and afraid. So, stand closer...so that...**

**~As I move toward old age, You move me toward a new age.**

**~As I prepare to settle down...for less, You prepare to unsettle me...for more.**

**~As I organize my security, You organize more adventures in giving.**

**~As I wonder if I've gotten lost in the crowd, You whisper my new name in my ear...calling me back to myself.**

(Let there be some quiet and then each begin in our own timing...)

**Lord God, help me remember it is not so much what I believe but how I choose to live that will see me through these times. Help me get "the devil" behind me, putting things in my life in the right order, creating possibly for the day with You.**

**Help me know, in You, my name has changed...  
from angry to gentle,  
from hater-despiser to lover-sustainer,  
from judger to companion along the Way,  
from comfort-seeker to holy cross-bearer,  
from lost to found.**

**As I live "As If" you are beside me and my name has been changed, everything changes. Lord, help me keep my heart wide open so I create possibility in each moment. Lord, I ask it.**

*✧ You may wish to name with God (within deep appreciation) a time you felt your life turn around toward God's promise for you; or you may share a time you were so frantic you could not hear God's voice calling/guiding you; or you may simply invite Jesus to come sit beside you in the pew this morning shining his healing light all around and through you.*



✧ **Our Assurance of God's Love with Us:**

*"I'm Gonna' Keep My Heart Wide Open Till My Faith Brings Me Back to Solid Ground"*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A5LJ11HGuzo>

✧ **Bible Wisdom Teachings**

**The Gospel of Thomas Saying #49**

Jesus said: "Blessed are the solitary and chosen ones, for you will find the realm, for you are from it and will return there."

**The Gospel of Thomas Saying #58**

Jesus said: "Blessed is the one who is disturbed by her discovery. That one has found life."

**Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

**Mark 8:31-38**

✧ **Prompting**

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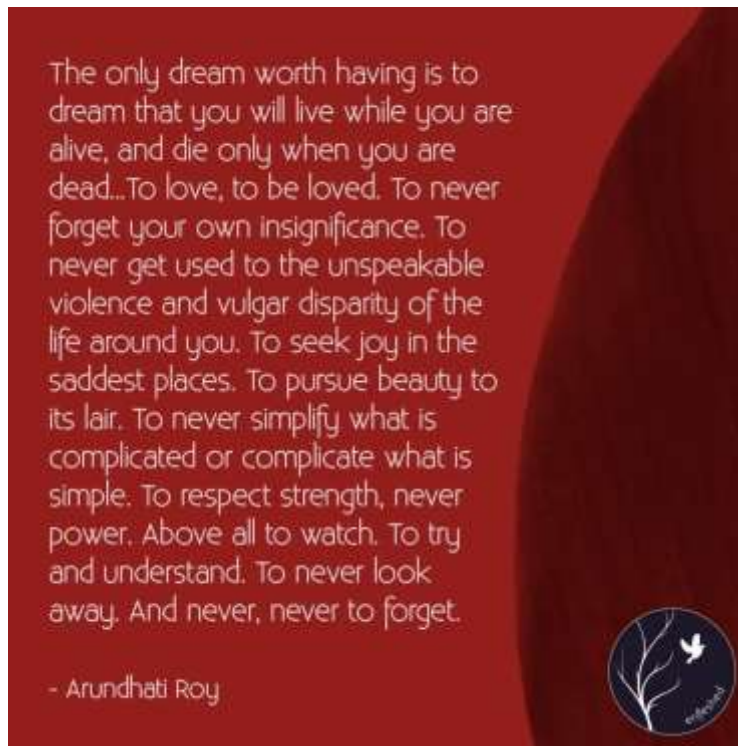
*"Opening Your Heart Is Carrying Your Cross"*

*Rev. Karen S. Hagen*

✧ **Special Music Video: "A Beautiful Noise"**

[https://youtu.be/\\_yU1x-p\\_OdY](https://youtu.be/_yU1x-p_OdY)

✧ **Sharing Our Wisdom**



✧ **Affirming Our Faith with Intention...*Our Prayer*** (Poem by John O'Donohue, adapted)

**May today there be peace within. May I trust God that I am exactly where I am meant to be. May I always remember the infinite possibilities that are born of doubt twinned with faith. May I use the gifts of love and life I have received, and pass on the love that has been given to me. May I be confident knowing I am a Child of Humanity. Let this settle into my bones, and allow my soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love...to live "as if" along the Way!**

✧ **Community Prayers: Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

✧ **Honoring the Sustaining Financial Gifts of Our Faithing Community...**

*A special music video lifting up all you make possible in our greater community!*

✧ **Benediction...*Becoming a Living Blessing***

*What of this shared wisdom goes with you as helpful and life-giving?*

✧ **Our Response ...*Holy One, now we your servants go in peace. Your word lives on in us.***

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