



As Above, So Below

May 25, 2025 + Sixth Sunday of Easter

*Desire for Wisdom leads to a Kingdom....
Honor Wisdom that you may reign forever....
For Wisdom is a breath of the power of God,
and a pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty;
therefore nothing defiled gains entrance into Her.
For She is a reflection of Eternal Light,
a spotless mirror of the working of God,
and an Image of His Goodness.
Although She is but one, She can do all things,
and while remaining in Herself, She renews all things;
in every generation She passes into holy souls
and makes them friends of God, and prophets;
for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with Wisdom....
From my youth I have loved Her and sought Her,
and desired to make Her my Bride.
I became a lover of Her Beauty....
Give me Wisdom, the Consort at Your Throne....
Send Her forth from the holy heavens,
and from the Throne of your Glory send Her,
that She may labor at my side,
and that I may learn what is pleasing to you.*

from The Wisdom of Solomon 6-9

Call to Worship

*As above, so below,
On the earth as in the heavens,
Till your Kingdom comes in love,
So below, as above.
As in Christ, so in me.
Born beloved of the Father,
Called to selfless sacrifice.
So, in me as in Christ.*

*Far beyond the struggles of each moment,
There is hope for those who believe.
Hope that lifts our spirits up to heaven,
Hope that helps our hearts to perceive.*

Crossing the Threshold

Entering the Revelation (with Sung Response)

*Come Holy Spirit,
Descend on us, descend on us,
We gather here in Jesus' name.*

"As Above, So Below"

"Come Holy Spirit"

Revelation 21:9-10

And there came to me one of the Seven Angels ... who spoke to me, saying, "Come. I will show you the Bride – the Wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a Great and High Mountain and showed me the Holy City Jerusalem descending out of Heaven from God.

***Come Holy City,
Descend on us, descend on us,
We gather here in Jesus' name.***

Revelation 21:2-3

And I saw the Holy City – a New Jerusalem – descending out of Heaven from God as a Bride adorned for Her Husband. And I heard a Great Voice from the Throne, saying, "Behold! The Tabernacle of God with the True Humans! And God will tabernacle with them and they shall be His people and God Himself shall be with them as their God."

***Come dwell among us,
Descend on us, descend on us,
We gather here in Jesus' name.***

Revelation 21:4-5a

"And God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes. And the Death – it shall be no more, neither mourning, nor crying out, nor shall there be any more toil. For the former things are passed away." And the One sitting on the Throne, said, "Behold! I make all things new!"

***Come, be our comfort,
Descend on us, descend on us,
We gather here in Jesus' name.***

Revelation 21:22-24

And I saw no Temple in Her, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb is Her Temple. And the City has no need of the sun or moon to shine in Her, for the Glory of God enlightens Her and Her Lamp is the Lamb. The nations of the ones being saved shall walk in Her Light, and the sovereigns of the land bring their glory and honor into Her.

***Come shine within us,
Descend on us, descend on us,
We gather here in Jesus' name.***

Revelation 21:27, 22:1

And there may not enter into Her anything that defiles, nor anyone who does an idolatrous thing or a lie – only the ones written in the Lamb's Book of Life. And he showed me a Pure River of the Water of Life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the Throne of God and the Lamb.

***Come purify us,
Descend on us, descend on us,
We gather here in Jesus' name.***

Meditation

Song of Response

***O Enlightened One,
Life-giving Spirit.
May I bear your Image,
And be a child of Light.***

"O Enlightened One"

Praying a Psalm

contemplative adaptation of Psalm 45, Nan Merrill

*Your Divine Presence endures forever and ever.
Your sovereign edict is ordained with justice;
your love is unconditional, without reserve.
Open your hearts to the Beloved, learn of humility, be blessed
even in brokenness, for those are the treasures stored in eternity.
All glorious is the soul within, the abode of the Merciful One;
through many trials and suffering do you come to the Beloved,
refined by fire as you follow Love's way.
With joy and gladness you are led along,
as you awaken to the Heart of your heart.
Instead of a house of fear, you will come to dwell with Love,
you will radiate the light of truth to all the earth.*

Song of Response

"Creation Song"

*Set free the Light within.
Cast off the covers that keep it concealed.
Father of Light let me shine like the sun,
Set free the Light within.*

Welcoming and Becoming Light

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Cast off the covers that keep it concealed.
Father of Light let me shine like the sun,
Set free the Light within.*

Offering Ourselves

During these minutes of silence, simply rest in God's abiding and loving presence in this moment. You are in God and God is in you. Just be and relax. Center your attention in the "Holy of Holies" of your heart and imagine your breath flowing in and out from your heart area. If it helps you to center, use a sacred prayer word such as Beloved, Light, or Love.

Heaven Comes Down

"As Above, So Below"

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On the earth as in the heavens,
Till your Kingdom comes in love,
So below, as above.
As in Christ, so in me.
Born beloved of the Father,
Called to selfless sacrifice.
So, in me as in Christ.*

Receiving Holy Communion

I am here, I am with you, we are One.

Receiving a Good Word



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Today's Music

'As Above, So Below' – Peter Johns, **'Come Holy Spirit'** – John L. Bell,
'O Enlightened One' – Michael Sciretti, Jr., **'Creation Song'** – Peter Johns, **'We Are One'** – Lynn Bauman

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If you have a prayer request or seeking support, please contact Rachel Sciretti, rsciretti@chapelwood.org.

"As Above, So Below": A Contextual & Contemplative Exploration of The Revelation

Sundays, April 27 – June 1 | The Anchor House | 10:00 a.m.

Holding One Another in the Light

As our commitment to one another deepens, we want to be able to pray for one another – bearing burdens and joining in celebrations. Here is how to participate:

1. Make a request for prayer or thanksgiving using the QR link or go to thecenterfcs.org
2. Opt in to receive the weekly prayer list by emailing Rachel.
3. Then spend time holding one another in the Light.



Ora et Labora on the Labyrinth

Tuesday, May 27 | The Labyrinth at The Anchor House | 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

The Labyrinth Ministry invites you to their monthly gathering for some "ora et labora". We will gather for a time of blessing, tending, and walking the labyrinth. This will be our last gathering before breaking for the summer and would really appreciate your help in getting the labyrinth ready to be unattended for a few months.

Rafa - An Evening of Contemplative Prayer, Lament, and Healing

Sunday, June 1 | The Chapel | 6:00 p.m. | <https://thecenterfcs.org/rafa>

The Blue Zones Way: The Secret "Rules" for Living Better & Longer

Wednesdays in June | The Anchor House | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us as we explore the secrets of the Blue Zones around the table with good friends and good food. Throughout Christianity there have been many individuals and communities that have crafted a "rule of life" or "way of living" that encapsulated basic principles and practices for living a whole, healthy life in light of a higher purpose. In this class The Blue Zones Way, we will attempt to do something similar, inspired by the research of Dan Buettner. Registration is required.



June Guided Silent Retreat: The Secret Life of Bees

Saturday, June 7 | The Anchor House | 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | \$35

Welcome to a day of retreat with Lori Anderson where we will explore themes of family, suffering, healing, and belovedness in "The Secret Life of Bees." Together, we will glimpse God's presence as woven through the world and characters Sue Monk Kidd created in her 2002 novel. Elements of the day include large group gathering, a shared meal, silence for individual prayer, and optional sharing at the end of the day.

