



Awakening to the Logos

September 21, 2025

We have been taught that Christ is the First-born of God, and we have declared above that He is the Logos [Divine Intelligence, Principle, Word] of whom every race of humans were partakers; and those who lived reasonably are Christians, even though they have been thought atheists; as, among the Greeks, Socrates and Heraclitus, and people like them.... And those of the Stoic school – since, so far as their moral teaching went, they were admirable, as were also the poets in some particulars, on account of the seed of the Logos implanted in every race of humans.... For each person spoke well in proportion to the share they had of the seed of the Logos, seeing what was related to It.... Whatever things were rightly said among all people, are the property of us Christians... For all the writers were able to see realities darkly through the sowing of the implanted Logos that was in them.

Justin Martyr (d. 165 A.D.)

Affirming the Implanted Logos

“Within”

Within. Within.

Within my soul a treasure lies,

The God of heaven and earth resides within. Within.

This temple built of flesh and bone,

Contains inside God's holy throne!

Within. Within. Within.

In faith. In fear.

No matter what may come along,

Within my heart you sing a song of hope, of love.

A reassuring melody,

That stirs from deep inside of me.

Within. Within. Within.

Reconnecting to Our Deepest Selves

Listening to the Psalm (with sung response)

Psalms 110 and 89 from *Psalms for Praying*

Listen, listen, wait in silence listening

For the One from whom all Mercy flows.

The Beloved says to all who will hear,

“Come, walk with Me. Let us give birth to a new Earth!”

For the Spirit is the One who makes all things new,

and ever awaits our “yes” to the Dance!

Those who offer themselves freely, without reserve,

are guided through life's rough paths.

Light beckons to light; divine dignity adorns all in holy array.

The Promise holds true forever, to all generations!

“As companions of the Most High, come!

Claim your home in the Universal Heart!”

*You, O Divine Breath, dwell within our hearts;
with unconditional Love, You assuage our fears.
You call us to holiness, to justice, and integrity,
to free those bound by oppression,
to bring light where ignorance and darkness dwell.*

***Listen, listen, wait in silence listening
For the One from whom all Mercy flows.***

*The Beloved says to all who will hear,
"I have made myself known to the faith-filled,
I have set them on the path of peace.
The Gift I sent to teach you Love invites you to eternal life!
Through the Heart of all hearts, I opened the way to Life.
My steadfast Love came among you giving you strength.
Fear shall not overcome you, you will not give in to doubt.
For my Love casts out your fear and gives rise to forgiveness
Of those who would do you wrong.*

*Yes, my faithfulness and my abiding Love are with you,
and in my Name you can do all good things.
Through me is your purpose made known,
that you might know my Will and make it your own.
In gratitude you cry out,
'We are the Beloved, the Most High, our very Breath.'
Through Me you are born anew, the Spirit of Truth comes to you."*

***Listen, listen, wait in silence listening
For the One from whom all Mercy flows.***

Contemplating Scripture

John 3:1-8

There was a man of the Pharisees – Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This one came to Jesus by night, and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a Teacher from God, for no one can do these things that you do, except God be with him." Jesus answered and said to him, "Amen. Amen. I say to you: except one be born from Above – from the Beginning – that one cannot see the Kingdom of God."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can a human be born, being old? Can he enter a second time into the womb of his mother and be born?" Jesus answered, "Amen. Amen. I say to you, except one be born from water and spirit, that one cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. The one born from the flesh is flesh, and the one born from the Spirit is Spirit. Marvel not that I said to you, 'You must be born from Above – from the Beginning.' The wind blows where it wills, and you hear its sound, but you do not know from where it comes and where it goes. So is every one that is born of the Spirit."

Meditation

Song of Response

***The Kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your Kingdom.***

"The Kingdom of God"

Centering in the Silence

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 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 Abba, Spirit, Jesus, Beloved, Light, or Love.

Song of Becoming

"The Kingdom of God is Within You"

*The Kingdom of God is within you.
The Spirit of Life is within you.
The Firstborn of God is within you,
Striving to emerge from your heart,
Emerging from the womb of your heart.*

Receiving Holy Communion

Praying with St. Francis of Assisi

"This My Soul Loves"

*Wisdom, simplicity, poverty, humility,
Holy love and surrender, God within all.
Vices face away, as these virtues guide my way.
Help me walk in obedience, God over all.
This is my mission, perfect submission.
This I desire, this my soul loves.
Virtues transcending, grace never ending.
This I desire, this my soul loves.*

Receiving a Good Word



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Quartet

Krista Pape – Soprano, **Cody Arthur** – Tenor, **Dallas Gray** – Tenor, **Nathan Holmes** – Baritone

Today's Music

'Within' – Peter Johns, *'Listen, Listen'* – Rajesh David, *'The Kingdom of God'* – Frank Berthier,
'The Kingdom of God is Within You' – Michael Sciretti Jr, *'This My Soul Loves'* – Peter Johns

For information about The Center for Christian Spirituality and upcoming events, visit:

www.TheCenterFCS.org.

Please register your presence in the notebooks in the foyer.

The Anchor House Hours

Tuesdays – Fridays | Noon - 4pm

The Anchor House is open in the afternoons for you to come and pray, meditate, walk the Labyrinth or just be still. If you would like to request a specific room for spiritual direction, counseling or for your own time of retreat outside of these hours, please let Haley know and we will make sure a room is available for you.

Autumn Equinox Experience

Monday, September 22 | The Labyrinth | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

We are looking forward to welcoming you and anyone you might want to bring with you for this event to celebrate the autumn equinox. You have a lot of options for this experience. Participants are free to drop-in, come and go, spend the evening in prayer, in creativity or both. There will be time for walking the labyrinth as well as an opportunity for SoulCollage®. Come take a "pause" in your journey with us. There is no fee associated with this event, but registration is preferred so we can have enough supplies prepared.



Poetry Circle

Tuesday, September 23 | The Anchor House | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us for the next meeting of the Poetry Circle with Mark Jodon. The Center's poetry circle will share and critique our poems, explore poetic forms and devices, try our hands at writing prompts, and grow together in fellowship and community. This circle is for anyone who loves poetry, no matter your writing experience level. For more information, contact Mark Jodon at MJodon@littler.com

Wisdom Way of Knowing with Rev. Dr. Michael Sciretti, Jr.

Wednesdays, Beginning September 24 | The Anchor House | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

This course is an introduction to an ancient tradition that taught how to live wakefully and wisely in one's world. It is this type of knowing (with mind, heart, and body together) that is deeply needed today in order to navigate through these times in which we are living. In this course, we will go on a deep-dive into the teaching of Cynthia Bourgeault, one of Michael's teachers in Contemplative Wisdom and Practice. There is no cost associated with this course, but registration is required and participants will need to purchase a copy of The Wisdom Way of Knowing by Cynthia Bourgeault.



Yoga at The Center: A Posture of Prayer

Thursday, September 25 | The Anchor House | 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | \$10 per class

In this course, led by Jonathan Mangrum, we will use the practice of yoga as a lens to explore what it means to embody spirituality. Each class will include time engaging in breath work, meditation, yoga postures, and poses.



Save the Date October 3 – 5: Hope in Focus with Steve Pavey

Steve Pavey is a photographer, a contemplative, a storyteller, a cultural organizer – all of which come together in the vocation of cultivating a way to see, in order to bear witness to the world both as it is, and as it could be. Join us for a weekend to focus on hope – the hope we must live into of re-connection with ourselves, with each other, and the more-than-human world around us. Scan the QR Code for more information and ways to register or R.S.V.P. for each event.



- **Friday, October 3rd | The Anchor House | 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. –**
"A Long Loving Look at the Real": Artist's Talk and Visio Divina Practice
- **Saturday, October 4th | The Anchor House | 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | \$35 –**
"The Gate of Heaven is Everywhere": Guided Retreat with Photography
- **Sunday, October 5th | The Chapel & Anchor House | 8:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. –**
Special Worship Service and Q&A with Artist

"You Are the Bridge: Uniting Heaven and Earth in Turbulent Times" with Rev. Dr. Michael Sciretti, Jr.

October 10 – 12 | Praxis Retreat and Learning Center | Telephone, TX | \$175

Who am I, really? Why am I really here? These are primordial wisdom questions that, if answered from the perspective of perennial wisdom, have dramatic effects on how we live our daily lives. Join the Oriental Orthodox Order in the West as Rev. Dr. Michael Sciretti guides us through the dialogues from Talking with Angels, transcribed by Gitta Mallasz. This is an in-person only retreat which will be held at The Praxis Retreat and Learning Center in Telephone, TX. Space is limited and the registration deadline is October 3rd.

