The Center
for Christian Spirituality

Four Gospels – One Mission: John

8:45 a.m. + June 28

In the same way the Church exists for nothing else but to draw [people] into Christ, to make them little Christs. If they are not doing that, all the cathedrals, clergy, missions, sermons, even the Bible itself, are simply a waste of time. God became Man for no other purpose.
C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

Crossing the Threshold

Opening Ourselves to Transformation ***"I Awaken in Christ"***

I awaken in Christ,
Awaken as Christ awakens within me.
All of me becomes all of Him,
As Christ awakens so deep within.
See, my feet and my hands,
Transfigured as Christ awakens my body.
All my brokenness changed,
My brokenness now is beauty:
Transformed in him.

I awake in Christ!
I awake in Christ!

Praying the Psalm *Contemplative adaptation of* ***Psalm 144****, Nan Merrill*

Blessed are You, O Radiant One,
You, who are hidden within our hearts,
even as we are hidden within your Heart!
You invite us to participate in the Divine Unfoldment,
as we awaken from our long sleep
and give birth to creativity.
Open us that we might recognize the divine in every person,
and become sensitive to all we meet along the path.
For you are the Breathing Life of all,
the infinite and eternal within our hearts.
Let each one be receptive to the Spirit that inspires,
allowing our will to respond with action.
And may all judgments and denials be released,
that our souls are freed to serve the Light with joy!
Thus will we recognize oneness with the divine spark
dwelling within our hearts,
fanning it to illuminate the way.
Gratitude and inner peace will abide in
every tranquil soul.

Welcoming Peace ***"Be at Peace"***

Be at peace my child, I am closer than you know.
Be at peace my child, I am here.
Be at peace my child, for I never will forsake you.
Let fears and longings cease,
Be at peace.

Contemplating Scripture ***John 20:19-22***

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said,

"Shalom to you. Peace be with you."

After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again,

"Shalom to you. Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

When he had said this, he breathed into them and said to them, "Receive the Spirit of Holiness. If you let go the sins of any, they are let go from them. If you hold on to any, they are held."

Meditation

Marks of the Kingdom ***"O Enlightened One"***

O Enlightened One, Life-giving Spirit.
May I bear Your Image and be a child of Light.

In him was Life, and the Life was the Light of humanity…. ***John 1:4, 12, 14***
As many as received him, he gave them authority to become sons of God,
to those believing in his name…. And the Word became flesh and tabernacled in us….

O Enlightened One, Life-giving Spirit.
May I bear Your Image and be a child of Light.

The Helper, the Spirit of Holiness, Whom the Father will send in my name, ***John 14:26-27***
he will teach you all things and remind you of all things I said to you.
Peace I release in you, my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let your heart not be troubled or afraid.

O Enlightened One, Life-giving Spirit.
May I bear Your Image and be a child of Light.

Meditation

Song of Response ***"O Enlightened One"***

O Enlightened One, Life-giving Spirit.
May I bear Your Image and be a child of Light.

Welcoming God-in-Us

During these minutes of silence, simply rest in God's indwelling and loving presence here with you now. Just be and relax. To get you there, 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 the heart-focused breath prayer (*inhale*) "Live in me, O Christ"; (*exhale*) "Live through me, O Christ."

Holy Communion

Living as Christ ***"Christ Has No Body Now But Yours"***

Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which he looks, compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which he looks, compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Welcoming New Members

Receiving a Good Word

Our Staff

Haley Brown – *Associate Director of The Anchor House*
Courtney Garrison – *Ministry Assistant*
Christian Ibanez – *AV Production*
Peter Johns – *Associate Director of Contemplative Worship*
Zachary Montasser – *Violinist*
Ruby Alberto – *AV Production*
Rev. Rachel Sciretti – *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Dr. Michael Sciretti, Jr. – *Pastor of The Center*

Today's Music

"I Awaken in Christ" – Peter Johns, "***Be At Peace My Child"***– Peter Johns,
"O Enlightened One" – Michael Sciretti Jr., ***"Christ Has No Body Now But Yours"*** – John Michael Talbot.

Centering Prayer
Immediately following worship | The Chapel

Community Gathering & Potluck
Today | Immediately following worship | The Anchor House

Join us for a community gathering and potluck in The Anchor House for a time of fellowship before we break for our time of sabbath during July. We will also share updates about ongoing projects and fall offerings.

Great Grow Out Workshop

Tuesday, June 30 | 1:00pm – 3:00pm | The Anchor House

Join us as we host another Great Grow Out Workshop! The Great Grow Out program is designed to empower volunteers to grow native plants in the comfort of their own homes. This is a great program for individuals, families, civic groups, corporate teams, student clubs, or scouts! Volunteer growers are given packets of locally collected prairie seeds and asked to grow these plants in pots. Plants are then returned to the Coastal Prairie Conservancy and staff nurture the plants until they are ready to be planted. Plants are then returned to the Coastal Prairie Conservancy and staff nurture the plants until they are ready to be planted. You can also keep the plants and plant in your own yard if you choose. Please use the qr code to register your attendance.

The Anchor House Summer Hours

Tuesdays & Wednesdays | 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.

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 at rsciretti@chapelwood.org.*

Giving to The Center

We invite you to financially give to The Center in response to what you have received today or throughout our contemplative offerings. Using the QR code will take you to a page where you can make a one-time offering or recurring gift. Thank you for your contribution and investment.

Spiritual Direction

Most of us at some point in life know we want a deeper relationship with God, and direction for our life, but just have no idea where to start. It leaves us feeling isolated and alone. At The Center for Christian Spirituality, we believe spirituality is meant to be lived in community, and everyone deserves a Soul Friend! That is why we have launched our Spiritual Direction ministry here at The Center. Our trained and certified Spiritual Directors help you be watchful and attentive to God in your life and guide you through the ups and downs of life and faith. If you are looking for a little one-on-one guidance in your relationship with God and God's direction for your life, one of our Spiritual Directors might just be a great fit for you.