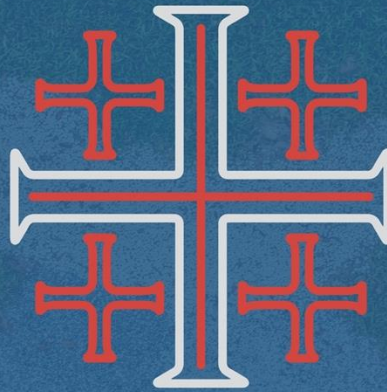




The CENTER
for Christian Spirituality



Freely Receive, Freely Give

Walking the Fourfold Way of Christ

8:45 a.m. + January 22, 2023

Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today....
The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.
Moses, Exodus 14:14

Crossing the Threshold

Declaring our Trust

*Alone with none but you, my God,
I journey on my way.
What need I fear when you are near,
O Lord of night and day?
More safe am I within your hand,
Than if a host did round me stand.*

"Alone With None But You My God"

The Morning Psalms (with sung response)

Psalm 27: 1, 11-14, Psalm 3: 1-8, Psalm 46: 1-11

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Teach me your way, O LORD,

and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

The Lord will fight for you.

Only be still, only be still.

Stand firm and you will see.

Only be still, only be still.

Though enemies surround,

Just wait on holy ground.

For God is all around.

Only be still, only be still.

You, O LORD, are a shield around me, my glory, and the one who lifts up my head.

I cry aloud to the LORD, and he answers me from his holy hill.

I lie down and sleep; I wake again, for the LORD sustains me.

I am not afraid of ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.

Rise up, O LORD! Deliver me, O my God!

Deliverance belongs to the LORD; may your blessing be on your people!

The Lord will fight for you...

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;

God will help it when the morning dawns.

Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

"Be still, and know that I am God!"

The Lord will fight for you...

Learning from the Peaceful Warrior

Luke 4:28-37

When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

He went down to Capernaum, a city in Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbath. They were astounded at his teaching because he spoke with authority. In the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, "Leave us alone! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet and come out of him!" Then the demon, throwing the man down before them, came out of him without doing him any harm. They were all astounded and kept saying to one another, "What kind of word is this, that with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits and they come out?" And news about him began to reach every place in the region.

Meditation

Response

“Christ Be Beside Me”

*Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart,
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.*

*Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, light of my life.*

Circling Prayer

Response

“Christ Be Beside Me”

Centering in the Silence

During these 5 minutes of silence, simply rest in God’s abiding and loving presence in this moment. Simply be here now. Descend into this Silence. There is nothing you need to do. Just let go. Let be. Relax. Breathe deeply. Sense your body. If it helps, use a breath prayer to help you descend into this silence, such as “Lord” (inhale), “Jesus” (exhale) or a name for the Divine, or simply the word “Receive.”

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Holy Communion

Receiving a Good Word



Community Gathering: Stewardship of Gifts & Annual Aim

Annual Aim & Stewardship of Gifts 2023

Today @ 9:45 a.m. | The Chapel

Join us after Contemplative Worship to hear more about our annual aim this year and upcoming offerings. Michael will talk more about our annual stewardship of gifts and our plans for 2023. We encourage you to make your pledge and commitment to the contemplative dimension of the Gospel through the ministry of The Center by next Sunday, January 29.

Worship Response

Today @ 10:15 a.m. | The Anchor House

Each Sunday we are reflecting on the specific ways Christ comes to us as Prophet, Warrior, Healer, and Teacher, as well as the ways he invites us to continue these ministries in our service to humanity today. Join us in The Anchor House as we reflect on the themes of today's service, what arose for us, and what questions we have.

Freely Receive, Freely Give: Walking the Fourfold Way of Christ

A 6-week Class on Living the Inward-Outward Journey through the Gospel Archetypes

January 25, February 1, 8, 15 | The Anchor House

Join Michael as he takes us on a deep-dive into the background of each path of the Fourfold Way of Visionary, Warrior, Healer, and Teacher. We will also be given practical ways to open ourselves to Christ in these ways to "freely receive," as well as how to allow Christ to "freely give" of himself through us in each of these ways. This is a great opportunity to consider practical ways for living the inward-outward contemplative journey. Cost for the 6-week class is \$40. It will be livestreamed, recorded, and uploaded to our online platform Epiphany Today. The class will include handouts as well as a weekly email. Register at:

<https://thecenterfcs.org/freely-receive-freely-give/>

Becoming a Member through The Center: January 29

Have you been worshipping with us for some time but are not a member of Chapelwood? Are you interested in becoming a member of The Center, which is a ministry of Chapelwood? Are you curious about how to officially "join"? Our next opportunity to officially join is January 29. Schedule a time to talk with Michael if you are interested and would like more information.

Our Staff

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Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please register your attendance.
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If you are worshipping in person, please text the word chapel to (844) 474-0707

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