



The CENTER  
for Christian Spirituality

## *Revelations of Divine Love*

8:45 a.m. + April 30, 2023

And so I understood that any man or woman who voluntarily chooses God in their lifetime for love, they may be sure that they are endlessly loved with an endless love that works that grace in them.... It is God's will that I see myself as much bound to Him in love, as if He had done for me all that He has done. And thus should every soul think with regard to His love.

That is to say, the love of God makes us in such a unity that when it is truly seen, no person can separate themselves from another.

Julian of Norwich, Revelations of Divine Love, chapter 65

Welcome

An Invitation to be Honest

*Come just as you are,  
Hear the Spirit call.  
Come just as you are.  
Come and see. Come, receive.  
Come and live forever.*

*Come just as you are,  
Hear the Spirit call.  
Come just as you are.  
Come receive Christ the King  
Come and live forever.*

*Life everlasting, and strength for today.  
Taste the living water, and never thirst again.*

Examen

Honoring the Source of Love

*Thank you, thank you.  
You chose to bless me before I was born!  
So I thank you, thank you.  
Thank you for loving me*

*Help me to grasp just how much I am loved,  
Whenever I feel afraid.  
And when doubts overwhelm I'll remember your words,  
And trust you will come to my aid.*

*And say thank you, thank you...*

*"Come Just As You Are"*

*"Thank You For Loving Me"*

## Gospel Reading

*John 21:15-22 (World English Bible)*

*So when they had eaten their breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter,  
"Simon, son of Jonah, do you love me more than these?"  
He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I have affection for you."  
Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."*

*Jesus said to him again a second time,  
"Simon, son of Jonah, do you love me?"  
He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I have affection for you."  
Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep."*

*Jesus said to him the third time,  
"Simon, son of Jonah, do you have affection for me?"  
Peter was grieved because he asked him the third time, "Do you have affection for me?" He said to him, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I have affection for you."  
Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."*

*"Most certainly I tell you, when you were young, you dressed yourself and walked where you wanted to. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you don't want to go.... Follow me."*

*Then Peter, turning around, saw a disciple following. This was the disciple whom Jesus loved, the one who had also leaned on Jesus' breast at the supper and asked, "Lord, who is going to betray you?" Peter seeing him, said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?"  
Jesus said to him, "If I desire that he stay until I come, what is that to you? You follow me."*

## Following Jesus

*"In Love You Summon"*

*In love you summon,  
In love I follow,  
Living today for your tomorrow.  
Christ to release me,  
Christ to enfold me,  
Christ to restrain me,  
Christ to uphold me.*

## Meditation

### Song of Response

*"In Love You Summon"*

### Intercessions with Sung Response

*"Ocean of Love and Goodness"*

*Ocean of Love and Goodness,  
Change us into your Image.*

## Prayer of the Heart

Contemplative Prayer is sometimes called the Prayer of the Heart. We turn our attention towards the physical region of our heart. From this place, we breathe deeply and pray. If it helps, use a sacred word to help you descend into the place of the heart and stay there in silence (such as Love, Peace, Beloved, Abba, Jesus, or Spirit) or a breath prayer, such as: "My Lord" (inhale) "and My God" (exhale). If a thought, feeling, or sensation takes you away from this interior place, don't "cling" to it – simply and gently let it go by returning to your heart with the aid of your sacred word or breath prayer. In this way, we become more open and receptive to Divine Love.

Offering Ourselves to Love

*"O Living Flame of Love"*

*O Living Flame of Love,  
That tenderly wounds my soul.  
Burn through the veil of earth and heaven,  
Till I am one with you.*

*O let me blaze with fire,  
Let spirit fill each part.  
Come light the caverns of my soul,  
Illuminate my night.*

*May my life burn bright,  
With a holy light.  
May my soul burn like a candle.*

*How gentle and how sweet,  
You wake within my heart.  
And breathe in me the breath of life,  
And fill my soul with love!*

*May my life burn bright,  
With a holy light.  
May my soul burn like a candle.*

Holy Communion

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Worship Response

Today @ 10:00 a.m. | The Anchor House

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.

May Guided Silent Retreat with Julian of Norwich

Saturday, May 6 | 8:30am - 2:00pm | The Anchor House | \$20

For May's guided silent retreat, we will open ourselves to the life and spirituality of Julian of Norwich and her book [Revelations of Divine Love](#). There will be plenty of time for reading and reflection, prayerful walking, and space for prayerful art. Participants will receive handouts with many readings from her book for lectio divina as well as reflective questions. Julian will be one of our primary spiritual guides on our October pilgrimage. A simple lunch is provided. To register use the QR code. The cost of the Retreat is \$20 and includes the price of lunch. We don't want anyone to miss out because of pricing. Contact Haley for information on scholarships at [hbrown@chapelwood.org](mailto:hbrown@chapelwood.org).



## A Musical Vacation

Wednesday May 17, @ 6:00 p.m. | Chapel

Presented by the Chapelwood Chancel Bells and the Contemplative Service Choral Ensemble, this free, fun, relaxing, 45 minute concert features different styles of music to make you smile and is suitable for all ages.

## “Saints & Pilgrims: A Pilgrimage along the Coast of East England”

October 16-27, 2023

Journey in the footsteps of medieval British saints and pilgrims along the eastern coast of England. There are three primary anchor pilgrimage sites and saints: Julian of Norwich, Hilda of Whitby, and Cuthbert of Lindisfarne. Along the way we will also visit the Shrine of Our Lady in the town of Walsingham (which was a major pilgrimage site in the medieval period); Rievaulx Abbey, home of St. Aelred; and Durham Cathedral. We conclude our pilgrimage in Edinburgh. This contemplative pilgrimage will be an opportunity to deepen your spirituality through exploring the literary texts as well as the historical contexts of these great British saints of medieval Christianity. To reserve a spot please see Michael or Peter for a Registration Form, the deposit is \$300. For more information go to [www.thecenterfcs.org/pilgrimage](http://www.thecenterfcs.org/pilgrimage).

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