



# Revelations of Divine Love

8:45 a.m. + May 28, 2023 + Pentecost Sunday

And then our Lord opened my spiritual eye and shewed me my soul in the midst of my heart.

I saw the soul so large as it were an endless world and as it were a blissful kingdom....

Greatly ought we to rejoice that God dwells in our soul;

and more greatly ought we to rejoice that our soul dwells in God.

Our soul is created to be God's dwelling place,

and the dwelling of our soul is God, who is uncreated.

Julian of Norwich, 14th Century

## Crossing the Threshold

**Cultivating Awareness** 

This is the air I breathe, This is the air I breathe, Your holy presence, Living in me.

This is my daily bread, This is my daily bread, Your very word, Spoken to me.

And I,
I'm desperate for you.
And I,
I'm lost without you.

"Breathe"

## Remembering Love's Way

## Psalm 50, Psalms for Praying

The Beloved, through the energy of Love, brought forth the world.

From the rising to the setting sun,
Love radiates out to all the nations,
perfect in beauty.

The Beloved has come and will not keep silence.

The Beloved's Indwelling Presence
guides those who hear with their heart's ear.

All who surrender to the love of the Great Mystery,
whose hearts are merciful and kind,
will go in beauty and walk with grace.

And all who reverence Love's Eternal Flame,
will know Love's Companioning Presence.

## Gospel Readings with Sung Response

"Shalom"

Response: Shalom, shalom, Shalom, shalom.

John 7:37-40

Jesus says, "And let the one who believes in me drink. 'Whoever believes in me,' as the scripture has said, 'rivers of living water shall flow out of that person's heart.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified.

## Response

John 14:17, 26

This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither beholds him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.... And the Advocate, the Spirit of Holiness, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you.

#### Response

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 Jews, 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."

## Response

## Guided Prayer

Everything belongs,
All the broken pieces,
The hurts that will not heal,
The scars that will not fade.
God will hold them all.
Cherish them and love them.
Nurture and restore them,
Until we are complete.

Everything belongs, for God is in all things. We abide in him and he in us. Goodness, wisdom, love, enfolding all we are. Every hurt is held by him, for everything belongs.

#### Seeing with Julian

#### Revelations of Divine Love, Chapter 54

I saw no difference between God and our substance, but as it were all God; and yet my understanding took that our substance is in God; that is to say, that God is God, and our substance is a creature in God.

For the almighty truth of the Trinity is our father, for He made us and keeps us in Him. And the deep wisdom of the Trinity is our mother in whom we are all enclosed. The high goodness of the Trinity is our lord, and in Him we are enclosed, and He in us.

We are enclosed in the Father, and we are enclosed in the Son, and we are enclosed in the Holy Spirit; and the Father is enclosed in us, and the Son is enclosed in us, and the Holy Spirit is enclosed in us –

All-mighty, All-wisdom, All-goodness: one God, one Lord.

#### Meditation

#### Guided Prayer

## Song

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#### Communion

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# Pentecost Brunch Community Gathering

Today, May 28 @ 10:00 p.m. | The Anchor House

Join us for a special community gathering after worship to celebrate Pentecost Sunday. We invite you to bring your favorite red, orange, or yellow dish to share with the community in honor of Pentecost. You will also hear more about our summer offerings.

## June Guided Silent Retreat with Aelred of Rievaulx

Monday, June 5 | 8:30am - 2:00pm | The Anchor House | \$20

## SoulCollage® Open Studio

Saturday, June 10 | 9:30am - 12:00pm | The Anchor House

\$15 (if you've done Soul Collage) \$25 (if this is new for you)

Come join Cindy Serio on a creative journey with SoulCollage® a fun, intuitive and creative process. Each collaged card represents one aspect of our soul and the voice of wisdom that emerges from within us. This is a spiritual practice that helps us to know ourselves and to grow closer to the person God has created us to be. Payable by cash or check at the Workshop OR Pay in Advance via Zelle, or PayPal (Add \$2 PP)



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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.

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