



The Center  
for Christian Spirituality



Mosaic in the Fishers of People Chapel in the Duc In Altum building at Magdala, Israel  
"Duc In Altum" is the Latin phrase of Luke 5:4 where Jesus says, "Launch into the deep."

## Summer By the Sea

8:45 a.m. + June 4, 2023

*What Jesus preached was not a church defending itself in the face of opposition but the in-breaking reign of God. Based on what we know from the Gospels we can make several inferences: Jesus was not a "catholic" but a Jew, the reign of God preached by Jesus was not a universal concept to be mandated but a change in lifestyle and direction. The central message of Jesus, the reign of God, is a new dynamic way of being in the world.... What broke through in the person of Jesus was a new consciousness and relatedness to God that ushered in the world a new way of being God-centered, earth-centered, and in communion with one another.... Jesus marks a new direction in evolution toward integrated being, healthy relationships, and healing presence, all of which contribute to the act of a new future. As the wellspring of divine love emerging from within, Jesus shows us what it means to be a human person and the way to deepen our humanity toward the fullness of life.*

*Ilia Delio, The Emergent Christ*

Opening Ourselves to God

*We come here to worship, we come here to pray.  
Aware of our weakness, in need of your grace.  
Some of us hiding, some of us found.  
Standing together upon holy ground.*

*Boundless love and beautiful grace,  
Filling this place, filling our hearts.  
In our delight and in our despair,  
Still you are there,  
Flooding our lives with boundless love.*

*"Boundless Love"*

Welcome

Contemplating Psalm 137 (with sung response)

*“Ocean of Love and Goodness”*

Response: *Ocean of Love and Goodness,  
Change me into your Image.*

*Plunge into the Ocean of Love,  
where heart meets Heart,  
Where sorrows are comforted,  
and wounds are mended.  
Past fears dissolve in deep harmonic tones,  
the future – pure mystery.  
For eternal moments lived in total surrender  
glide smoothly over troubled waters.*

Response: *Ocean of Love and Goodness,  
Change me into your Image.*

*Hide not from Love, O friends,  
sink not into the sea of despair,  
the mire of hatred.  
Awaken, O my heart,  
that I drown not in fear!  
Too long have I sailed where'er the winds have blown!  
Drop anchor!  
O, Heart of all hearts,  
set a clear course, that I might follow!  
Guide me to the Promised Shore!*

Response: *Ocean of Love and Goodness,  
Change me into your Image.*

Called by the Sea Shore

**Mark 1:14-20**

*After John had been handed over, Jesus came into the Galilee, proclaiming the Good Message of the Reign of God, saying,*

*“The time is fulfilled and the Realm of God is at hand.  
Change your perception, and trust in the Good Message.”*

*And walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother, casting a net in the Sea, for they were fishers. And Jesus said to them,*

*“Come after me, and I shall make you to become fishers of humans.”*

*And immediately, leaving their nets, they followed him. Then going on a little farther, he saw James of Zebedee and John his brother. They were in the boat restoring the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and went away after him.*

Meditation

## Waiting and Listening

*"Call My Name"*

*I will wait until I hear you call my name,  
Wait until my world inside has come to rest.  
Many voices clamor, calling constantly to me,  
So I will wait until I hear you call my name.*

*I will wait until I hear you call my name,  
In the whispers of the wind I hear your voice.  
All of your creation sings a gentle melody,  
A song that calms my spirit while you call my name.*

*So, speak Lord, speak Lord.  
Your servant is listening.  
Speak Lord, come and speak Lord,  
Your servant is listening.*

*I will wait until I hear you call my name,  
When I hear your voice my heart begins to heal.  
How my spirit longs to share your love song with the world,  
Till everybody listening hears you call their name.*

*So speak Lord, speak Lord...*

## Meditation

### Trusting the One who Calls

*"Alone with None but You My God"*

*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.*

### Resting 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 relax. Sense your body. Breathe more deeply than usual. It can help to focus on the region of the heart. You might use a breath prayer to help you descend into this silence at the level of the heart, such as "Speak" (inhale), "Lord" (exhale) or use a sacred word (such as Love, Peace, Beloved, Abba, Jesus, or Spirit).

## Communion

### Unison Prayer for the Journey

*Show me the first steps of the path into my future, the steps that will draw me deeper into Your heart, the steps that will draw out of me my most authentic self, the steps that will lead me to lay down my life on behalf of those You love and gave Your life for. Deliver me from the fear of taking the next risky step . . . for my heart's desire is to walk with You into the days ahead. Amen.*

## Receiving a Good Word



## June Guided Silent Retreat with Aelred of Rievaulx

Monday, June 5 | 9:00am - 2:30pm | The Anchor House | \$20

*For June's guided silent retreat, we will open ourselves to the life and spirituality of Aelred of Rievaulx and his spiritual classic works [The Mirror of Charity](#) and [Spiritual Friendship](#). 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 his works for lectio divina as well as reflective questions. Aelred 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).*



## 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)*



## "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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