



The CENTER
for Christian Spirituality

Summer by the Sea

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Christ emerges as the concrete, historical, personalizing center of this evolutionary universe when each person gives birth to Christ within and allows Christ to shine through humble, fragile creation.
Ilia Delio, The Emergent Christ

I am one with the source insofar as I act as a source, by making everything I have received flow again—just like Jesus.
Raimon Panikkar, Christophany

Opening our Hearts

“Let Mystery Live in You”

*Let mystery live in you.
Be content to be in the unknown.
God is greater than all you see.
Let mystery live, let mystery live,
Let mystery live in you.*

*Let mystery live in you.
Let your questions come guide you along.
Love sees more than the mind can know.
Let mystery live, let mystery live,
Let mystery live in you.*

*Let mystery live in you.
As you wander a path you can't see.
You cannot journey outside of God.
Let mystery live, let mystery live,
Let mystery live in you.*

Entering the Story by the Sea

John 21:1,4-8

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way.... Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

Reflection

Song of Response

"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.*

Continuing the Story by the Sea

John 21:9-14

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Reflection

Song of Response

"Blessed Be Your Name"

*Blessed be your name, in the land that is plentiful,
Where your streams of abundance flow,
Blessed be your name.
And blessed be your name, when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness,
Blessed be your name.*

*Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise,
And when the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say:
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be your glorious name.*

*Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's "all as it should be"
Blessed be your name.
And blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessed by your name.*

Our Story Concludes

John 21: 15-17

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.

Reflection

Praying with St. Teresa

“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.*

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 “Quiet” (inhale), “my heart” (exhale), or “Soften” (inhale), “my heart” (exhale), or use a sacred word (such as Love, Peace, Beloved, Abba, Jesus, or Spirit).

Communion

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No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which he looks, compassion on this world.
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Receiving a Good Word



No Worship Response Time Today

Worship response time will begin again on August 20, 2023.

Spiritual Director Supervisory Group Exploratory Meeting

Tuesday, August 8 | The Anchor House | 6:30 p.m.

If you are a spiritual director and would like to be a part of a spiritual director supervisory group sponsored by The Center, come to this exploratory meeting on August 8. Spiritual director supervision is a contemplative and professional process supporting the ongoing formation of spiritual directors, and offers a safe and supportive group for exploring their ministry in accompanying seekers in a deepening relationship with God. Reach out to Michael for more details.

Fall Kick-Off & Potluck

Sunday, August 13 | The Anchor House | 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a special community gathering after worship on August 13. We invite you to bring a dish to share with the community. The Anchor House will be open before worship for folks to come place their dishes. After our time of eating and fellowship, Michael will share information concerning our Fall schedule and offerings, including updates about the labyrinth installation in the backyard of The Anchor House and a new album of original songs by Peter Johns.

Pilgrim Tales

Wednesday, August 16 | The Anchor House | 6:30 p.m.

Come learn about the spiritual journeys of individuals who are part of our contemplative community. You'll learn about how they started their contemplative journey; what life events and moments shaped them; the wisdom they carry; and the teachers, books, and practices that have been formative for them. This series will take place on Wednesdays, from August 16 to September 20.

Pilgrimage of Pain & Hope

Thursday, September 7 | The Holocaust Museum | 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Join Michael and Rachel Sciretti and Robert Westheimer for this contemplative "pilgrimage" and docent-led tour through the Holocaust Museum in Houston. As an intentional pilgrimage, we will be taken through the four phases of a "pilgrimage of pain & hope": preparing ourselves, encountering our suffering neighbor, reflecting on our experiences, and transforming how we engage the world in compassion and justice. In addition to learning about the suffering of the Jewish people during the Holocaust, this spiritual formation opportunity will open us to larger issues of genocide and human rights – with the end of becoming more intentional manifestations of the Christ, who is the Whole-Maker. There will be large group touring time, periods of personal reflection, as well as times for group sharing. The group will be limited to 15 participants. Lunch will be from a local Jewish Deli. Total price depends on if you are already a member of the Holocaust Museum or if you would like to be. For price details and to sign up, email Michael at msciretti@chapelwood.org or Rachel at rsciretti@chapelwood.org.

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