



The CENTER
for Christian Spirituality

On the Way with Jesus

8:45 a.m. + August 04, 2024

*Humble charity will avoid exhibiting itself without any useful purpose;
you must not pride yourself on your generosity:
“Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth.”
The gift of self should be above all inward;
without this gift outward charity is devoid of spiritual value and blessing...
In the last analysis, charity is to make a gift of God to God
by means of the ego and through beings.
It communicates a blessing the source of which is God
and communicates it to the neighbor who,
insofar as he is the object of love,
is God’s representative.
Frithjof Schuon*

Living Under Construction

*Build a home right here with the rubble of our lives.
Build a home right now with our weakness and our strength.
Build a home in us where we long and fear to live,
Because all of us together are home.*

“Build a Home”

Examen

Surrounded by Grace and Love

*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 the place, filling our hearts.
In our delight and in our despair,
Still you are there,
Flooding our lives with boundless love.*

“Boundless Love”

Sitting with the Psalm

from Psalm 34, Psalms for Praying

*I will bless the Beloved at all times;
a song of praise will I sing.
My soul speaks to the Beloved continually;
let all who suffer hear and be glad.
O, open your hearts, friends,
that your pain and loneliness be turned to Love;
And then, we shall rejoice in the Beloved together!*

*When I searched for Love, the Beloved answered within my heart,
and all my fears flew away.
Look to the Beloved, and your emptiness will be filled,
your face will radiate Love.
For when you weep, the Beloved hears and comes to companion you;
your burdens are eased by Love.
The Beloved sends angels when you call upon these messengers
for guidance and light,
for their gracious inspiration,
One with Love, you are never alone!*

*For those who give themselves to the Beloved,
lack no good thing.*

*Everyone separated from Love is empty and hungry within.
But those who open their hearts to the Beloved,
are filled to overflowing.*

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The Gospel Reading

John 12: 1-3

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had awakened from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. Then Mary took a pound of costly ointment made of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment.

Meditation

Song of Response

"Pour into Me"

*Pour into me,
Lord of glory, Lord of grace.
That I may see,
Thy eternal, radiant Face.*

Receiving and Giving Love

Song of Response

*Pour out through me,
Lord of glory, Lord of grace.
That all may see,
Thy eternal, radiant Face.*

“Pour Out Through Me”

Silence

During these minutes of silence, simply rest in God’s abiding and loving presence in this moment. You are in God and God is in you. Just be and relax. Center your attention in your heart and imagine your breath flowing in and out from your heart area. If it helps you to center, use a sacred prayer word such as Jesus, Abba, Spirit, or Love.

Communion

The Work Continues

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Receiving a Good Word



Our Staff

*Haley Brown – Ministry Assistant & Director of gastrochurch
Peter Johns – Associate Director*

*Rev. Rachel Sciretti – Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. Michael Sciretti, Jr. – Pastor of The Center*

Zachary Montasser – Violinist

Today’s Music

*“Build a Home” – Peter Johns, “Boundless Love” – Peter Johns,
“Pour Out Through Me” – Darlene Franz*

For information about The Center for Christian Spirituality and upcoming events, visit:

www.TheCenterFCS.org.

Please register your presence in the notebooks in the foyer.

If you have a prayer request or seeking support, please contact Rachel Sciretti, rsciretti@chapelwood.org.

Centering Prayer

Today | The Chapel | after Contemplative Worship

State of The Center

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

Join us to hear The Center staff give a reflection and report of what has been in 2024 and what is coming up in the rest of this year. We will share about specific upcoming offerings as well as new ways to get involved at The Center.

Rafa - An Evening of Contemplative Prayer, Lament, and Healing

Today | The Chapel | 6:00 p.m. | <https://thecenterfcs.org/rafa>

Summer Book Reading Discussion *Braiding Sweetgrass*

August 7 | The Anchor House | 6:30 p.m.

Join us this summer as we read this beautiful selection of Indigenous wisdom, scientific knowledge and the teachings of plants, followed by a gathering for discussion on August 7th.

SoulCollage: Living an Expressive Life

August 10 | The Anchor House | 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

In this thematic workshop, we explore the throat energy center which is the center of self-expression and communication. Here we find the primary channel, of sound and voice, through which we share who we really are with the world. "Gentle words are a tree of life." ~Proverbs 15:4



Enneagram Workshops

Friday, September 27 | The Anchor House | 1:30 – 5:00pm | \$95

Deepening Self Awareness with the Enneagram Map: An Introductory Workshop



Saturday, September 28 | The Anchor House | 8:45am – 4:00pm | \$185

Relaxing into Our Wholeness: Enneagram Type as Portal to Essence



Rooted – A Journey with The Center to Discover the Divine Among the Trees, Leaves and Vines

October 21 - 28

Join us for 7 days in California as we explore the wisdom and beauty creation has to offer us through the Coastal Redwoods and the Napa Valley vines. Scholarship funds are available. Total cost (not including airfare) is \$3,100/person. Contact Haley (hbrown@chapelwood.org) for the scholarship application.

