



# *All the Light We Cannot See:* The Voice in the Darkness

8:45 a.m. + September 15, 2024

*You have whispered new things into this ear of dust.  
You have carved eternal things into a heart of stone.  
Qumran Psalm Scroll*

Increasing our Awareness

*“Heaven Touches Earth”*

*Heaven touches earth every single moment,  
In the setting sun, the whispers on the wind.  
The gentle fall of rain, the fragrance when it's over.  
We will taste and we will see and know that God is good.*

*May we sense your presence, O God.  
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Make our senses gateways to all that you are.  
May we sense your presence, O God.*

Seeing Deeper

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Listening with Our Whole Being

*“Light Upon Light: Inspirations from Rumi”*

*Make everything within you an ear, each atom of your being,  
and you will hear at every moment  
what the Source is whispering to you, just to you and for you,  
without any need for my words or anyone else's.*

*You are – we are all – the beloved of the Beloved,  
and in every moment, in every event of your life,  
the Beloved is whispering to you exactly what you need to hear and know.  
Who can ever explain this miracle? It simply is.*

*Listen and you will discover it every passing moment.  
Listen, and your whole life will become a conversation  
in thought and act between you and Him, directly, wordlessly, now and always.  
It was to enjoy this conversation that you and I were created.*

Stilling Ourselves

*"Quiet My Heart"*

*Hear in the silence the whispers of memory,  
Be still and listen, be still and wait.  
Wait for the voice that once echoed through Eden.  
That speaks affirmation, that longs to create.  
The voice in the garden, the voice in the cloud,  
The voice in the temple – still speaks aloud.*

*Quiet my heart, till I can hear,  
There are distractions ever near.  
Quiet my heart, help me discern,  
What are the lessons I must learn.  
Quiet my heart.*

Contemplating Scripture

*John 12:28-30*

*Jesus prayed, "Abba, Father, glorify your name."*

*Then a Voice came from the heavens, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."*

*The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder.*

*Others said, "An angel has spoken to him."*

*Jesus answered, "Not through me has this Voice come, but through you."*

Song of the Presence

*"Listen, Listen"*

*Listen, listen,  
Wait in in silence listening.  
For the One from whom all mercy flows.*

Contemplating Scripture

*Matthew 10:27*

*Jesus says,  
"What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light.  
And what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim from the housetops."*

Meditation

Preparing for Silence

*"Quiet My Heart"*

*Help me awaken and rise up from slumber,  
Shake off the darkness, shine with your light.  
Willing to listen, to learn and to follow.  
To love with your passion, to see with your sight.  
Help me be watchful for where I'm asleep.  
Attentive and mindful, God come and speak!*

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## 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, Light, or Love.

## Praying with John of the Cross

*"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...*

## Communion

## 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 Singers

*Katherine Jones – Soprano. Cody Arthur – Alto,  
Dallas Gray – Tenor, Nathan Holmes – Bass.*

## Today's Music

*"Heaven touches Earth" – Peter Johns, "Quiet My Heart" – Peter Johns,  
"Listen, Listen" – Rajesh David, "O Living Flame of Love" – Peter Johns.*

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[www.TheCenterFCS.org](http://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, [rscoretti@chapelwood.org](mailto:rscoretti@chapelwood.org).*

Centering Prayer  
Today | The Chapel | after Contemplative Worship

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

Everything Belongs: A Contemplative Journey through Songs from The Center, Volume 2  
Sunday, September 15 | The Anchor House | 6:00 p.m.

*In this course we will explore the contemplative teachings behind each song on our upcoming album, Everything Belongs, as well as related contemplative practices for each song. This week we will explore the song 'Creation Song.' There is no cost for this course, but registration is required. Contact Haley ([hbrown@chapelwood.org](mailto:hbrown@chapelwood.org)) if you have any questions.*



Creative Space  
Saturday, September 21 | The Anchor House | 9:00am – 11:30am

*Creative Space is a nurturing, encouraging, gathering of people who come together to create art and spend time in personal reflection. It provides an opportunity to explore spirituality through creative expression, as well as to be creative in a setting that is intentionally designed to enhance the spiritual. The time is come and go and no reservation is needed.*

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

*Deepening Self Awareness with the Enneagram Map: An Introductory Workshop*  
*In this workshop, participants will learn*

- each type's first placement of attention and the associated blind spots
- the world view and ego ideal of each of the nine types
- inherent strengths of the types that include drawing from the resource points
- the three centers of intelligence



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

*Relaxing into Our Wholeness: Enneagram Type as Portal to Essence*  
*In this advanced Enneagram workshop, participants will reflect on these questions as well as explore how our Enneagram type's ego ideal operates to limit us. When we become conscious of its role in our lives we see that it is actually imitating our Holy Idea or enlightened spiritual perspective rather than supporting the sacredness of our lives. The ego ideal and our type's motivation create a "needing to strive towards" mentality. Engaging in this striving, distances us from our wholeness, our Essence.*

