



The CENTER
for Christian Spirituality

Words to Remember

8:45 a.m. + October 13, 2024

*Abide in Me – don't think about yourself.
Feel yourself as living earth in the hands of the Creator
Who does with you as it wishes.
That means rest in Me – be the breath of the Breather.
I also rest in you, rooted in the Holy One.
A branch doesn't fruit when separated from its source.
You also won't be able to heal, teach, create,
or do anything from your individual sense of self,
your isolated "I," without being connected
through your love and desire in me.*

Translation from the Aramaic of John 15:4 by
Neil Douglas-Klotz

Connecting to Source

*Every mountain points the way to you.
Every clump of earth recalls how we were made.
Every rock sings out songs of faithfulness,
And reminds us all that is true:
We are grounded in you.*

"Grounded in You"

Listening to the Teacher

*I am the True Vine,
and my Father is the Earth-Worker.
Every branch in me not bearing fruit,
He takes it away.
And every one bearing fruit,
He cleanses it – prunes it –
in order that it may bear more fruit.
Now, you are clean – pruned –
because of the Logos – the Word
that I have spoken to you.
Abide in Me, and I in you,
just as the branch is not able to bear fruit of itself,
unless it abides in the vine,
so neither can you,
if you do not abide in Me.
I am the Vine; you are the branches.
The one abiding in Me, and I in that one, bears much fruit.
Because apart from Me you are not able to do anything....
In this is My Father glorified –
that you bear much fruit
and become my disciples.*

John 15:1-5,8

Choosing to Abide

*Remain in the company of God this day,
Remain in the company of God.
Remain in the company of God this day,
Remain, remain, remain.*

“Remain in the Company of God”

Listening for the Word

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Song of Response

*Spirit of Truth,
Enter my mind.
Soul of Wisdom,
Enter my heart.*

“Spirit of Truth”

Meditating on the Word

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Reflecting on What We have Heard

Responding to the Word

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Song of Response

“Yeshua, O Blessed One”

*Yeshua, O Blessed One, may your peace take root in me.
Yeshua, O Blessed One, may your peace arise in 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, Light, or Love.

Communion

Journeying and Abiding

“With Beauty I Walk”

*With Beauty behind me I walk, with Beauty before me I walk.
Today as I travel, I journey in Goodness,
Seeking out Beauty I walk.
With Beauty below me I walk, with Beauty above me I walk.
Today as I wander the way of contentment,
With calm assurance I walk, that all may be Beauty I walk.*

Receiving a Good Word



Our Staff

Haley Brown – Associate Director of The Anchor House

Courtney Garrison – Ministry Assistant

Peter Johns – Associate Director of Contemplative Worship

Zachary Montasser – Violinist

Rev. Rachel Sciretti – Associate Pastor

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

Today's Music

"Grounded in You" – Peter Johns, *"Remain in the Company of God"* – David Keller, *"Spirit of Truth"* – Emily Wilmer, *"Yeshua, O Blessed One"* – Michael Sciretti Jr., *"With Beauty I Walk"* – Peter Johns

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

Worship Response

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

Everything Belongs: A Contemplative Journey through Songs from The Center, Volume 2

Tonight | 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 title track, "Everything Belongs," There is no cost for this course, but registration is required. Contact Haley (hbrown@chapelwood.org) if you have any questions.



Poetry Circle at The Center

Tuesday, October 15 | 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | The Anchor House

Join us this fall for a new offering at The Center with Mark Jodon. The Center's poetry circle will share and critique our poems, explore poetic forms and devices, try our hands at writing prompts, and grow together in fellowship and community. This circle is for anyone who loves poetry no matter your writing experience level. We will meet in The Anchor House on the third Tuesday nights of the month from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. If you're interested in joining the Poetry Circle, contact Mark Jodon at mjodon@littler.com

Stewards of the Earth: Creating a Habitat in Your Yard with Native Plants

Wednesday October 16 and 23 | The Anchor House | 6:30 p.m. | \$30

In this class we'll develop a theological basis for creation care and discover how to live out our call to steward the earth. We'll explore how to incorporate native plants into our landscape and seek to understand how we can help our local ecosystem thrive. Please use the QR code to register for the class.



Everything Belongs: Songs from The Center, Volume 2 - Contemplative Concert

November 10 | 6:00 p.m. | The Chapel