



# Words to Remember

8:45 a.m. + October 27, 2024

*O Breathing Life of All, Parenting of the Cosmos,  
My atmosphere, within Your own,  
allows them to feel its sound and song within their grasp.  
Your wave of Love living through me  
is becoming more alive and loving in them.*

Prayer of Jesus for his disciples,  
translated from the Aramaic of John 17:26 by  
Neil Douglas-Klotz

## Crossing the Threshold

### Declaring our Intent

*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"**

### Listening to the Teacher

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that they may all be One.*

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and these know that you have sent me.*

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**John 17:20-26**

Song of Response

*"I Am Here I Am With You, We Are One"*

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Opening Ourselves

*"Spirit of Truth"*

*Spirit of Truth, enter my mind.*

*Soul of Wisdom, enter my heart.*

Meditating on the Word

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Reflecting on What We have Heard

## Responding to the Word

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## Finding Ourselves in God

*“Everything Belongs”*

*Everything belongs,  
All the broken pieces, the hurts that will not heal, the scars that will not fade.  
God will hold them all.  
Cherish them and love them, nurture and restore them, until we are complete.*

*Everything belongs, for God is in all things.  
We abide in him and he in us.  
Goodness, wisdom love, enfolding all we are.  
Every hurt is held by him for everything belongs.*

## 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.

## Song of Response

*“I Am Here I Am With You, We Are One”*

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## Communion

## 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

*“Boundless Love” – Peter Johns, “I Am Here, I Am with You, We are One” – Lynn Bauman  
“Spirit of Truth” – Emily Wilmer, “Everything Belongs” – Peter Johns*

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

[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, [rsciretti@chapelwood.org](mailto:rsciretti@chapelwood.org).

### Centering Prayer

Today | The Chapel | after Contemplative Worship

### Worship Response

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

### The Anchor House Hours

Tuesdays – Fridays | Noon - 4pm

*The Anchor House is open in the afternoons for you to come and pray, meditate, walk the Labyrinth or just be still. If you would like to request a specific room for spiritual direction, counseling or for your own time of retreat outside of these hours, please let Haley know and we will make sure a room is available for you.*

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

Wednesday October 30 | 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.*



### Means of Grace: The Contemplative Beliefs of John Wesley

Thursday October 31st | 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | The Anchor House | \$120

*Part family dinner, part history lesson, the aim of this class is to engage in "holy fellowship", as John Wesley understood it, and to look at the life and beliefs of the man who started the Methodist Movement. Each class will start with a delicious meal and an abbreviated version of a Methodist Class meeting and will end with a discussion on the topic for the evening. Join us for a 6 week "holy experiment" as we eat together, learn together, and have our hearts strangely warmed. For more information about this course, visit the registration page below.*



### November Guided Silent Retreat

Sat. Nov. 2 | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. | The Anchor House | \$25

*For November's guided silent retreat, we will personally explore the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls. There will be plenty of time for reading and reflection, prayerful walking of our backyard labyrinth, and space for prayerful art. Participants will receive handouts with readings, prayers and songs related to All Saints and All Souls, for use as lectio divina as well as reflective questions.*



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

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

*Join us in the Chapel for the launch of our new Contemplative Worship album – Everything Belongs: Songs from The Center, Volume 2. All the songs on this album were composed by Peter Johns for worship here at The Center for Christian Spirituality on Sunday mornings. Peter will be joined by a host of other musicians for an evening of Contemplative Worship. Following the free concert there will be a catered reception in The Anchor House. To purchase a ticket for the reception please use the QR code provided.*

