



*"God grant us the serenity to accept the things
we cannot change, the courage to change the
things we can, and the wisdom to know the
difference."*

— Prayer used by Twelve Step groups

COMMON GROUND INTERSPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP
SUNDAY CELEBRATION OF SPIRIT^{*}
September 17, 2017

- **Welcome**
- **Announcements**
- **Affirmation**

I am the Power of Peace in all matters!

One with the Power of Divine Peace, I am the
very presence of peace in my world.

I am the Power of Peace expressed in my
thoughts.

I am the Power of Peace expressed in my words.

I am the Power of Peace expressed in my
actions.

Peace is in the midst of me.[†]

- **Music for Gathering:** *I Am the Bubble, Make Me the Sea*
- **Joys & Concerns**
- **Music for Reflection:** *From Joy I Came*
- **Inspirational Reading**
- **Quiet Time for Personal Reflection**
- **Discussion** (see facing page for topic)
- **Offering** with Music
- **Peace Song**
- **Prayer of Protection**

The light of God surrounds us; the love of God
enfolds us; the power of God protects us; the
presence of God watches over us. Wherever we
are, God is, and all is well.

Today's Discussion—World Day of Prayer 2017

Our focus is on Peace

A friend of ours grew up in San Francisco during the Vietnam anti-war protests. The area was a hotbed of high-energy angry protests. He was against the U.S. involvement in the war so was involved with the protests. Somehow he attended a session where the speaker was a Buddhist monk. The monk said we can't bring about peace in the world if we're not peaceful ourselves. Obviously we're not peaceful inside if we are angrily protesting. Our friend said most people in the audience pushed back against this message and left the talk to continue angrily protesting. Instead, our friend chose to follow the monk's advice and began a spiritual path of meditation and practice to develop inner peace.

Announcements

Our "pre-launch" services are every Sunday from August 27 through September 24. Formal launch (including newspaper advertising) will be October 1st.

Authentic Spiritual Conversations meets every Tuesday, 7-8:30pm, Duncan Law Building (2nd Floor), Chinook Room, 2021 Marine Drive, Astoria, OR.

Finances (weekly)

Rent	\$40.00
Salaries	\$0.00
Misc	\$ 4.68
Year-to-Last-Week:	
Income:	\$126.00
Expenses:	\$134.04

* We recognize in a gathering of diverse spiritual seekers, the words we have chosen will not be connecting with everyone. We invite you to inwardly translate these words and rituals to those of your path—perhaps Creative Intelligence, Ground of Being, God, Creator, Universal Mind, Spirit of Nature, or Power Greater than Yourself, or...?

† Our affirmation today is from Unity's contribution to the 2017 World Day of Prayer.

Mission Statement

This Fellowship is an inclusive community dedicated to the unfolding spiritual journey of each individual by engaging our minds, our hearts, and our actions.

Seek not to change the world, but choose to change your mind about the world. *A Course in Miracles*

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled; do not be afraid. *John 14:27*

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. *Philipians 4:7*

When You're Falling, Dive

Acceptance is nothing less than the complete transformation of what one has believed to be one's self and one's reality....

Anything short of complete moment-by-moment acceptance of life exactly as it is, is resistance, and resistance leads invariably to suffering.... It's not that we gain the power to change circumstances; we develop the skill to determine our experience of those circumstances. This is what the Buddha talked about as ending suffering. *Buddhist monk Cheri Huber.*

Hadley spiritual espresso on Acceptance 9/8/17

We pray to accept the things we cannot change and to Love what is, even if we don't like it. Acceptance of what is, can bring us Peace, but not if we hold in our mind that acceptance is somehow a giving up. We accept that what is going on, is happening. We accept that what happened, happened. We accept that things are as they are. And then we energize our intentions in order to bring a shift.



**Common Ground
Interspiritual Fellowship**

... where consciousness unfolds and love emerges!