



"The burning desire to be in the world but not of the world is the mark of a contemplative. We don't come to the monastery to get away from suffering; we come to hold the suffering of all the world. This can only be done by plugging into a larger consciousness through contemplation. No longer focused on our individual private perfection or 'our personal salvation project' we become fully usable by God. The contemplative work of inner conversion, inner disarmament, and inner peacemaking as the key to peace for the world."

— Richard Rohr

**COMMON GROUND INTERSPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP**  
**SUNDAY CELEBRATION OF SPIRIT<sup>\*</sup>**  
**October 8, 2017**

- **Welcome**
- **Announcements**
- **Gathering Chime & Invocation**
- **Honoring Earth Tradition**
- **Affirmation**

I listen to the Divine song of love.

I let the peace of God permeate all that I do this day.

I let the Spirit lead my awareness.<sup>†</sup>

- **Music for Gathering:** *Devakinandan Gopala*
- **Joys & Concerns**
- **Music for Reflection:** *"Let nothing disturb you...."*
- **Quiet Time for Personal Reflection**
- **Inspirational Reading**
- **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

### Living in the world—not of the world??

The event this past weekend in Las Vegas reminds us that Faith traditions are called upon to help “hold,” in one way or another, “the trouble” in the world. For example, Christian postmillennialists think Jesus will return after the world reaches a state of peace—so are encouraged to actively create peace in the world. Christian premillennialists think Jesus will return (while the world is still “dysfunctional”) to create peace in the world. These Christians may hold “the trouble” in a different light. On the other hand Hinduism and *A Course in Miracles* consider the world illusory—a “school” for our development, so dysfunction is expected.

How do you hold “the trouble” from the wisdom of your spiritual path? Has your conception and/or experience of this changed over time? How might our sense of this impact the world?

## Announcements

**Interfaith gathering** on Sunday Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 4pm at Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside, OR.

**Authentic Spiritual Conversations** meets every Tuesday, 7-8:30pm, Duncan Law Building (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor), Chinook Room, 2021 Marine Drive, Astoria, OR. STAY TUNED FOR AN UPCOMING CHANGE IN LOCATION.

## Finances (weekly)

Rent .....	\$40.00
Salaries .....	\$0.00
Misc .....	\$ 4.79
Year-to-Last-Week:	
Income: .....	\$294.00
Expenses: .....	\$268.30

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\* 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 derived from Unity affirmations.

## 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.

### Let There Be Peace on Earth

Jill Jackson  
Sy Miller

Let there be peace on earth And let it be - gin with me;

Let there be peace on earth, The peace that was meant to be. With

God as Cre - a - tor, Fam - 'ly all are we.

Let us walk with each oth - er, In per - fect har - mon - y.

Let peace be - gin with me, Let this be the mo - ment now.

With ev - ery step I take, Let this be my joy - ous vow; To

take each mo-moment and live each mo-moment in peace e - ter - nal - ly.

Let there be peace on earth and let it be - gin with me.

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Common Ground  
Interspiritual Fellowship

... where consciousness unfolds and love emerges!