



**聽** The Chinese character for *listen* suggests there is more to effective listening than we might first imagine. This is the same Chinese character associated with the English word "empathy."

**COMMON GROUND INTERSPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP**  
**SUNDAY CELEBRATION OF SPIRIT<sup>\*</sup>**  
**October 29, 2017**

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

I am fed by being present to the Spirit in others.

I am a messenger of love, hope and peace.

I listen to the Divine song of love.<sup>†</sup>

- **Music for Gathering:** *See Me Beautiful*
- **Joys & Concerns**
- **Music for Reflection:** *Listen, listen, listen....*
- **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

### “Listening” and its cousin “Presence”

“Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around” (Leo Buscaglia).

Do you listen... to yourself? To others? To Spirit? What impact does listening make?

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

### Announcements

**Authentic Spiritual Conversations** meets every Tuesday, 7-8:30pm, CMH-OHSU Knight Cancer Collaborative, Classroom 128 (off the lobby), 1905 Exchange St., Astoria, OR.

### Finances (weekly)<sup>‡</sup>

Rent .....	\$40.00
Salaries .....	\$0.00
Misc .....	\$ 4.79
Year-to-Last-Week:	
Income: .....	\$483.00
Expenses:.....	\$402.67

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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.

‡ We are building a reserve for our upcoming need for insurance.

## 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 - ment and live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly.

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

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of nine staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "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 - ment and live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly. Let there be peace on earth and let it be - gin with me." The final staff includes a *rit.* marking above the notes.



Common Ground  
Interspiritual Fellowship

... where consciousness unfolds and love emerges!