



"The weak can never forgive.  
Forgiveness is the attribute of the  
strong."

—Mahatma Gandhi

**COMMON GROUND INTERSPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP**  
**SUNDAY CELEBRATION OF SPIRIT<sup>\*</sup>**  
**November 19, 2017**

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

I am free from the prison of resentment.

Forgiveness is a gift to myself.

When I forgive myself,  
it becomes easier to forgive others.

The past is done. I now live in the present.<sup>†</sup>

- **Music for Gathering:** *See Me Beautiful*
- **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

### Forgiveness

"The past is gone, the future is yet to come. All that we have with us is the present. But how can we live in the present if we cling to the past? The past is like a monkey on our back. The bigger it is, the slower our progress. Throw away the monkey, become lighter and proceed."<sup>‡</sup>

How do you hold forgiveness 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: .....	\$648.00
Expenses: .....	\$563.02

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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...?

† <https://spiritualityhealth.com/articles/2015/11/09/42-forgiveness-affirmations-lift-weight>

‡ <https://www.self-help-and-self-development.com/forgiveness-affirmations.html>

§ 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-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.

The musical score is written on ten staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The final measure of the last staff includes the marking 'rit.' (ritardando).



Common Ground  
Interspiritual Fellowship

... where consciousness unfolds and love emerges!