



For it is in giving
that we receive.

—Francis of Assisi

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

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

I give thanks that my oneness with God's
infinite supply blesses me and all the universe.

I am fed by the Spirit in others.

Whatever I need greets me along the way.[†]

- **Music for Gathering:** *See Me Beautiful*
- **Joys & Concerns**
- **Music for Reflection:** *No Birth, No Death*
- **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 Is Giving a Sacrifice?

Spiritual teachers sometimes talk about various “Blocks to Awakening.” This week we’ll discuss one of those—*The False Belief that Giving is Sacrifice*. The “Truth” maintains that giving will increase what you possess....

As always, feel free to disagree with this (and with the Inspirational Reading). The purpose of our discussion is NOT to reach some sort of agreement. The purpose of our discussion is for each of us to increase our own personal wisdom as we see it (along our own spiritual journey).

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)[†]

Rent	\$40.00
Salaries	\$0.00
Misc	\$ 6.59
Year-to-Last-Week:	
Income:	\$842.51
Expenses:.....	\$753.97

* 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.

‡ 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
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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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... where consciousness unfolds and love emerges!