



## *The Assumption of the Virgin*

...In Heaven above, surrounded  
by the nine choirs of angels,  
Jesus raises his hand in blessing  
to his kneeling mother....

—Francesco Botticini

**COMMON GROUND INTERSPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP**  
**SUNDAY CELEBRATION OF SPIRIT<sup>\*</sup>**  
**January 14, 2018**

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

My life is ever full of Spirit's rich blessings.

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The whole universe delights in sending me blessings.

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I awake in unity.<sup>†</sup>

- **Music for Gathering:** *Row, Row, Row Your Boat*
- **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

### What's the "End Game?" Heaven? Enlightenment?

It's common to refer to our spiritual paths or spirituals journeys— both of which imply a destination. What's yours? A similar but somewhat different question you might relate to: "What's the purpose of life?"

## 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. **Topic: Loving Your Enemy**

### Finances (weekly)<sup>‡</sup>

Prior Week:	
Rent .....	\$40.00
Salaries.....	\$0.00
Misc.....	\$14.78
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2017 balance carried forward .	\$89.17
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2018 Year-to-Last-Week:	
Income: .....	\$ 55.00
Expenses: .....	\$ 44.79

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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...?

† Affirmation(s) today is derived from the Unity Church in San Diego.

‡ We are building a reserve for our potential upcoming need for insurance as well as other smaller items.

## 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.



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... where consciousness unfolds and love emerges!