

Love is All You Need

March 7th, 2004

Opening Song ~ "Here Comes the Sun"

Welcome and Sharing Joys -- Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff

Interfaith Responsive Reading

Reader: We gather here as an Interfaith Community
To share and celebrate the gift of life together

All: *Some of us gather as the Children of Israel
Some of us gather in the name of Jesus of Nazareth
Some of us gather influenced by each*

Reader: Howsoever we come, and whomsoever we are
May we be moved, In our time together
To experience that sense of Divine presence in each of us
Evoked by our worship together

All: *And to know in the wisdom of our hearts
That deeper unity in which all are one.*

"The Sh'ma" -- led by COA Prep class

Sing in Hebrew: Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohaynu Adonai Echad
Say in English: *Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is One*

In Hebrew the phrase "*Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord*" would read "Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohaynu Adonai Echad." This whole phrase is known as "the Sh'ma." Traditionally, Jews say the Sh'ma before lying down and when awakening. Why? Because of the following commandment:

"Thou shalt love the Lord your God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thy heart. Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thy house, when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thy house, and upon thy gates." (Deut 6:4-9)

Jesus was asked what is the greatest commandment:

“And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.”
(Mark 12:29-31)

Song ~ “All You Need is Love”

Reflection -- Heather Kirk Davidoff

Concerns of the Community & Meditation

Meditation Song ~ “Let It Be”

Closing Remarks and Announcements

**Closing Songs ~ “We Can Work It Out
“With A Little Help From My Friends”**

Benediction and Charge

***All:** May we go out into the world carrying with each of us the love and blessing of this Interfaith Community*

Reader: May we continue to hold on to what is good and to stand as beacons of light and understanding for all people.

***All:** May God’s spirit and peace be with us each now and forever.*

Reader: May the Lord bless you and keep you and bring you peace. Amen.