

If and When

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If and when the peo-ple of God move and do jus-tice,
we will em - bod - y the pres-ence of God on earth fin-al-ly

When did we see_ you hun - gry? When did we see_ you lone - ly? We
When did we see_ you hat - ed? When did we see_ you fright-ened? We
When did we know your strug-gle? When did we know your cour - age? We

knew when we saw them When did we hear you cry - ing?
knew when we saw them When did we hear you wail - ing?
knew when we saw them When did we know your heart - break?

When did we hear you pro - test? We knew when we heard them
When did we hear you si - lenced? We knew when we heard them
When did we know your glo - ry? We knew when we heard them

Interfaith Education for Kids

**Themes,
Narratives, Crafts,
Activities,
Experiences**



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Jubilee! Community Church

- Founded in 1989 – Howard Hanger
- Theology
 - Progressive-type Christianity
 - Creation Spirituality à la Matthew Fox
 - Jubilee! Salute

Sunday Morning Services (Celebrations)

Like other churches

- opening song
- gift of singing, poetry, or dance
- scripture readings (OT, NT)
- sharing the peace
- sermon
- passing the offering plate
- closing song
- benediction

Sunday Morning Celebrations

Less like other churches

- call in the directions
- ring a Buddhist bowl
- chant from dances of universal peace repertoire
- sermons (meditations) are interactive
- no hymnal

Age Groups

- **Preschool-Kindergarten**
- **Lower Elementary**
- **Upper Elementary**
- **Middle School**

Christian Themes

- **In the Desert (Moses saga)**
- **Dreamers (Joseph saga)**
- **Advent (Lights, Angels)**
- **Jesus in Jerusalem (I, II, III)**

Angels

- **Angel Visits Zechariah**
- **Angel Visits Mary**
- **Angels Visit Shepherds**
- **Angel Visits Joseph in Dream**

Angel Visits Mary

- The Buddha
- Perseus
- Horus
- Krishna

In the Desert (Moses saga)

10 Plagues

Was sending the plagues the right thing for God to do?

More General Themes

- **Peace**
- **World Creation Stories**
- **Awe and Wonder**
- **Embracing the Darkness**
- **Compassion**

Overall Pedagogy

- **Bible Passages/Stories**
- **Crafts**
- **Activities**
- **15 Lesson Plans/Age Group/Theme**
- **6-7 Bible Stories**

Biblical Narratives

- **Jesus Healing Stories**
- **Zacchaeus**
- **Lost Sheep**
- **Prodigal Son**
- **Good Samaritan**
- **David Plays Lyre for Saul**

Lost Sheep

- Story
- Craft
- Activity
- *Shofar*





Prodigal Son

- Story
- Craft
- Activity
- *Raksha Bandhan*



Texts from Other Traditions

Good Samaritan (UE)

Be generous in prosperity, and thankful in adversity. Be worthy of the trust of thy neighbor, and look upon him with a bright and friendly face. Be a treasure to the poor, ...an answerer of the cry of the needy....

Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'llah (CXXX, p. 285)

Forget your own selves, and turn your eyes towards your neighbor. Bend your energies to whatever may foster the education of men. Nothing is, or can ever be, hidden from God. If ye follow in His way, His incalculable and imperishable blessings will be showered upon you.

Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'llah (V, p. 9)

Texts from Other Traditions

David Plays Lyre for Saul (MS)

21. “Young man, be aware of these four good-hearted friends: the helper, the friend who endures in good times and bad, the mentor, and the compassionate friend.

25. The compassionate friend can be identified by four things: by not rejoicing in your misfortune, delighting in your good fortune, preventing others from speaking ill of you, and encouraging others who praise your good qualities.”

Sigalovada Sutta: The Buddha's Advice to Sigalaka, verses 21, 25

What about Younger Kids?

- **Comparisons Difficult**
- **Sacred Texts Difficult**
 - Qur'an (poetry)
 - Tao Te Ching/mystics (abstract)
 - Buddhist Dhammapada (repetitive)
 - Hindu/Vedic/Indian texts (incomprehensible)

Kid-Friendly Corpuses

- **Islam (tales of the Prophet Muhammad)**
- **Buddhism (Jataka tales)**
- **Hinduism/Vedic/Indian Traditions**
- **Sufi (tales about or told by dervishes)**
- **Sikh (tales of 10 living gurus)**
- **Hasidism (tales about or told by rebbes)**
- **Earth-Based/Indigenous Traditions**

Stories

- \approx 1,000 words
- P-K hears 100-125 word chunks followed by ??
- LE hears 300-400 word chunks followed by ??
 - What did Jesus do before healing the man?
 - Would like mud on your eyes?
 - Have you ever played with mud before?
- UE and MS have more/more advanced ??

Living Into Compassion

- **Opening Ritual**
 - **Turn-Key Provided**
 - **Simple How-To Guidelines**
- **“Framing”**
 - **Set-Up**
 - **Processing Afterward**

Other

- **Guest Speakers**
 - **Rabbis**
 - **Village Witch**
 - **Zen Priestess**
- **Field Trips**
 - **Urban Dharma (Tibetan Buddhist)**
 - **Sri Somesvara (Vedic/Shiva)**
- **Videos**



Things I Worry About

- **Making Mini-Scholars**
 - ~~5 Pillars~~
 - ~~4-Fold Path~~
 - ~~8 Noble Truths~~
- **Cultural Appropriation**

Things I Don't Worry About (as much)

- **Pronunciation**
 - Shanah Tovah
 - Hamantaschen/Haman
- **Making Mistakes**
 - Ganesha Chaturthi
- **Getting it “Right”**

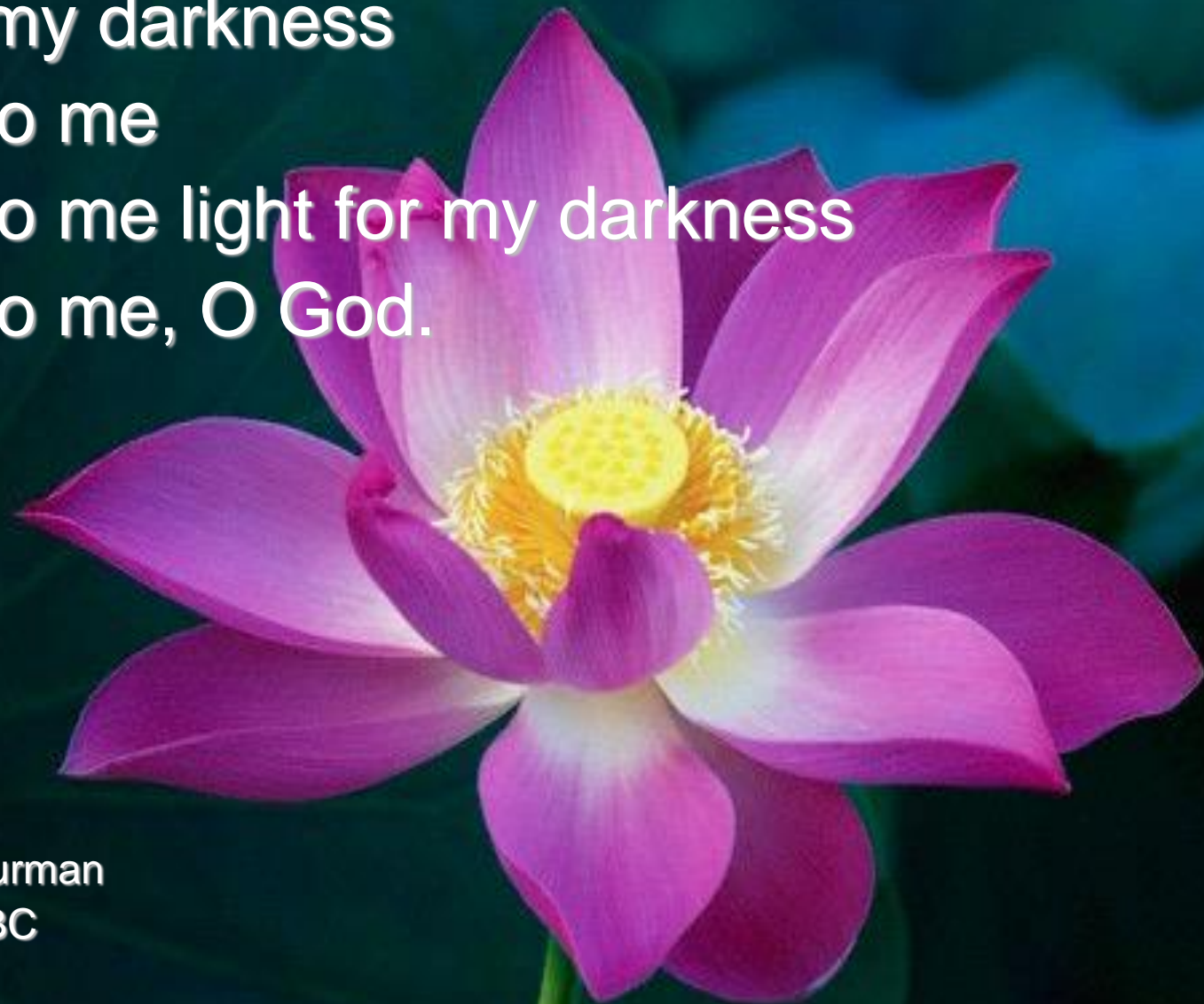


Goals

- **Let God out of the Box**
- **Alleviating Ignorance**
- **Sit in Discomfort**
- **Providing Tools**
- **Promote Faith-Seeking**



Open unto me light for my darkness
Light for my darkness
Open unto me
Open unto me light for my darkness
Open unto me, O God.



text: Howard Thurman
music: Richard BC

How Could Anyone Ever Tell You

by Libby Roderick

How could anyone ever tell you
you were anything less than beautiful

How could anyone ever tell you
you were less than whole

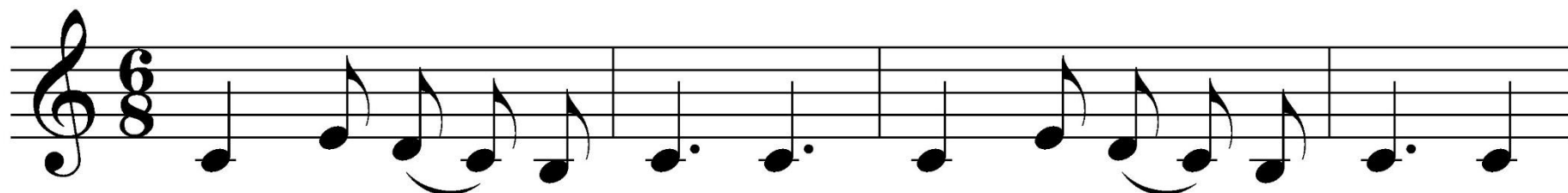
How could anyone fail to notice
that your loving is a miracle

How deeply you're connected to my soul

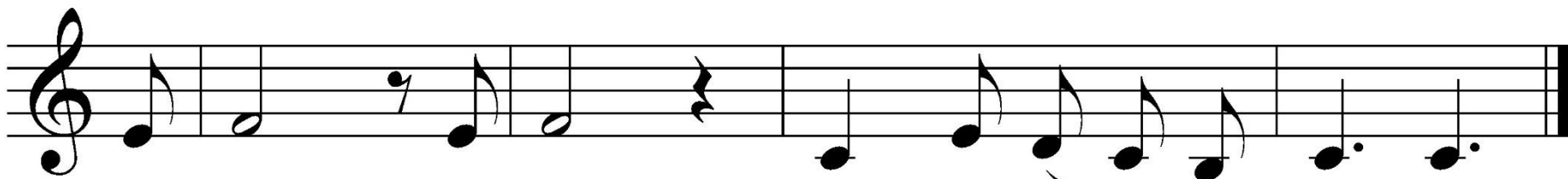
As-Salaamu Lakum

Peace of God Be With You

Glory to God 448



As - sa - laa - mu la - kum *As - sa - laa - mu la - kum*
Peace of God be with you Peace of God be with you



Sa - laam, sa-laam *As - sa - laa - mu la - kum*
Sa - laam, sa-laam Peace of God be with you

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Opening Ritual: Compassion

- Ring bell, sound Buddhist bowl, cell phone alarm (e.g., chirping birds)
- Sit in circle around candle
- Light candle, inhale, exhale
- Call and Response/Body Prayer
- Close eyes, inhale, exhale
- Blow out candle, final word/phrase

Like A Tree

Psalm 1



Like a tree by the flow-ing wa-ter, grow-ing deep - er, stretch-ing high



Like a tree by the flow-ing wa-ter, con-nect-ed to the source of life.



Bles - sed,___ bles-sed are we___ to a - bide___ in God's Word,
Plant-ed,___ plant-ed by grace, we are root-ed in God's de - sign,
Trust-ing,___ trust-ing our lives___ to the ho - ly Way of God,



nour - ished___ through ev' - ry sea - son, bles - sed are we:
free - ly,___ free - ly a - bid - ing, plant - ed by grace:
we will,___ we will sur-rend - er, trust - ing our lives:

Psalm 90



Open Now Our Hearts To Wisdom

Tune: Beach Spring

Open now our hearts to wisdom
Keep us numbering our days
Generations long behind us
Honored you, their dwelling place
As a blink our life's duration
Just a dream of yesterday
Dust to dust our treasured lifetimes
Age to age your perfect grace

We are children of our planet

We will all be quickly gone

Though we thrive with breath and heartbeat

Can we ever know how long

Open now our hearts to wisdom

Keep us numbering our days

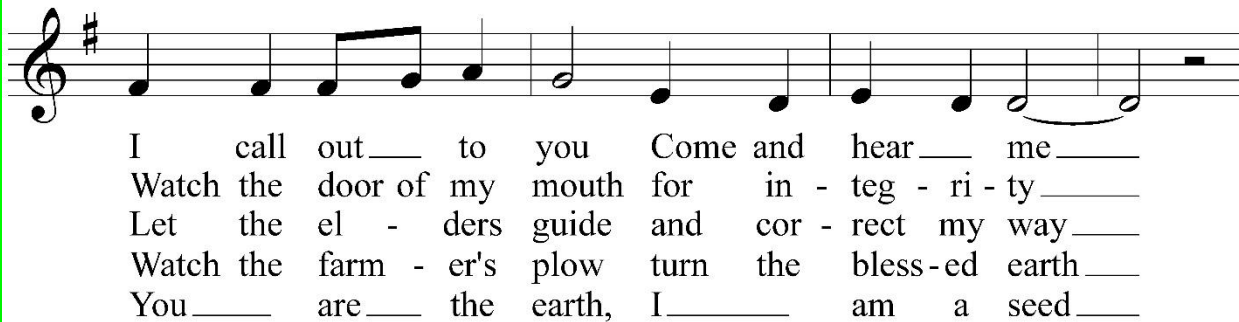
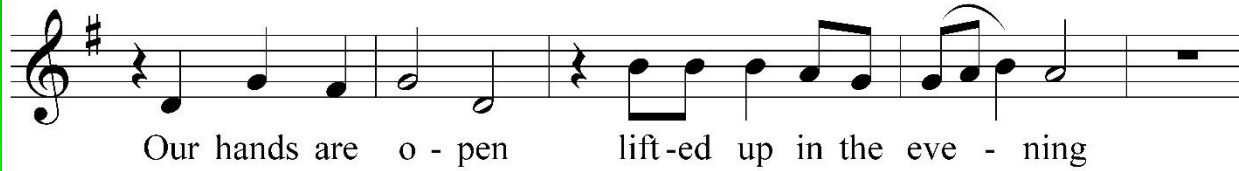
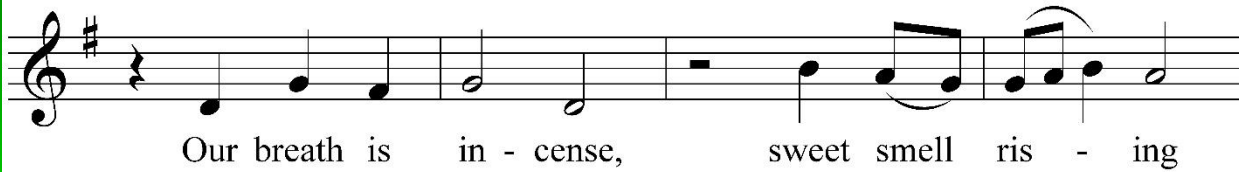
Gladly mindful of eternity

Let us live a holy pace

You have been our sanctuary,
Faithful God, from age to age
Open now our hearts to wisdom
Keep us numbering our days
You a haven for our forebears
With the promise of your grace
Of our lives, God, make a legacy
For our children's children's faith

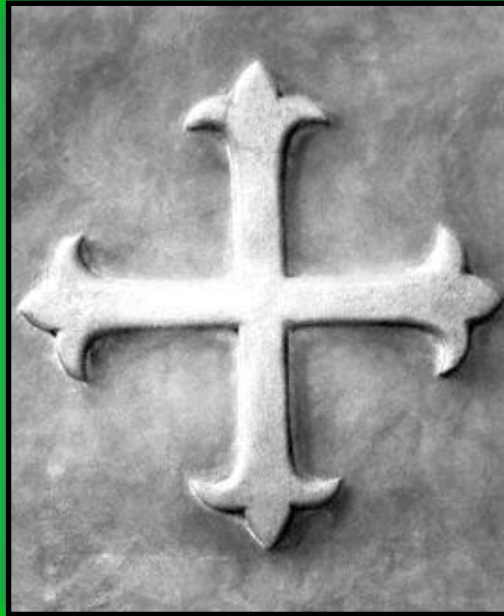
Our Breath is Incense

Psalm 141



A close-up, high-angle photograph of a person's open palm, showing the intricate texture of the skin and the lines of the fingers. The lighting is warm and golden, creating a sense of depth and highlighting the ridges and valleys of the hand. The text "Psalm 31" is overlaid in a white, serif font on the left side of the palm.

Psalm 31



Good night.