

## Autumn Worship at SPC

Worship throughout Autumn at SPC  
will focus various components of  
The SPC Identity Statement:

*We are an inclusive spiritual community  
and welcome all who long for meaning, hope, and belonging.*

*Our faith and practice are rooted in the Way of Jesus  
and are enriched by wisdom from all sources.*

*We are committed to being and becoming people of radical compassion,  
working for justice and wholeness in ourselves and in the world.*

Upcoming Themes will be:

September 29: *On Welcoming*

October 6: *On Meaning, Hope, Belonging*

October 13: *On Faith and Practice*

October 20: *On The Way of Jesus*

The congregation is invited to contribute readings,  
prayers, poetry, quotes, *et cetera* on these themes.

Please send your contributions  
to Lynn Dampman at the church office.

## Prayer for Wholeness

### The Second Music

Now I understand that there are two melodies playing,  
one below the other, one easier to hear, the other  
lower, steady, perhaps more faithful for being less heard  
yet always present.

When all other things seem lively and real,  
this one fades. Yet the notes of it  
touch as gently as fingertips, as the sound  
of the names laid over each child at birth.

I want to stay in that music without striving or cover,  
If the truth of our lives is what is playing,  
the telling is so soft  
that this mortal time, this irrevocable change,  
becomes beautiful. I stop and stop again  
to hear the second music.

I hear the children in the yard, a train, then birds.  
All this is in it and will be gone. I set my ear to it as I would  
to a heart.

**Annie Lighthart**