

THIS WEEK AT SPC

January 7 - 13, 2023

TODAY, 4pm, Hymn Sing (Sanctuary)

All are welcome; no singing expertise is necessary.

TODAY, 4pm, Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)

TODAY, 5pm, Community Meal (Zion Episcopal):

Hot food can be dropped off in the kitchen
between 3:45 - 4:15pm on Sunday.

Leave perishable items in SPC refrigerator.

Monday, 7pm, Teacher the Preacher (Zoom)

Share your questions and reflections on
how the week's Lesson speaks to your spiritual journey

Wednesday, Exploring Spiritual Practices (Zoom)

Theme is "Taking Refuge in the New Year"

Saturday, 7:30am Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

Topical discussion begins around 8am

Saturday, 11am, Celebration of Life (Sanctuary)

A Memorial Service for Richard Womeldorf,
light reception to follow

"LIGHT RETURNS"

Baptism through Transfiguration

January 7 - February 11

The light is coming back, even as winter begins in earnest. Worship this season celebrates the light of insight, renewal, and recommitment to the inner and outer work of transformation.

Black Bear, Wood Frog, Striped Skunk, and Lake Trout
continue their journey with us through the winter.

January 7: Let There Be, Genesis 1:1-3

Baptism Sunday, with Congregational Blessing

January 14: It Starts With Me, John 1:43-51

MLK Sunday, with Communion

January 21: The Moral Arc, Amos 5:21-24

January 28: Inflection Point, Mark 1:14-20

Ordination/Installation of Ordained Leaders

February 4: Who We Really Are, Mark 1:21-28

with Communion

February 11: The Inner Work, Mark 9:2-9

Transfiguration Sunday/Souper Bowl Sunday,
with Palms to Ashes Ceremony

Baptismal Blessing

The Spirit of the waters is with you.

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the light and the dark.

Let us give thanks for the gift of light.

God says, "Let there be," and there is!

Upon these waters a Spirit-led voice still calls:

Let there be light! And there is light.

The light still shines in the darkness;

the darkness cannot overcome it.

Darkness and light become one.

Focus your light within us - make it useful:

as the rays of a beacon

show the way.

Helps us breathe one holy breath

feeling only you - this creates a shrine

inside, in wholeness.

Help us let go, clear the space inside

of busy forgetfulness: so the

Name comes to live.

Your name, your sound can move us

if we tune our hearts as instruments

for its tone.

Hear the one Sound that created all others,

in this way the Name is hallowed

in silence.

In peace the Name resides:

a "room of one's own," a holy of holies

open, giving light, to all.

We all look elsewhere for this light -

it draws us out of ourselves - but the Name

always lives within.

Focus your light within us - make it useful!

Neil Douglas-Klotz

Baptismal Serenade

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?