

**23rd Annual Westberg Symposium
“Opening Doors to Wholeness”
Hyatt Regency, St. Louis, Missouri**

**Friday, September 25, 2009
7:00 p.m.**

ORDER OF SERVICE



Words for Meditation:

“Hildegard of Bingen in the 12th century wrote that spirituality is communal, not simply about the individual’s personal relationship with God. Through the centuries it has been our great failure as Christians to privatize our spirituality, for, as Hildegard writes, Christian spirituality forces our relationships on other people. To be a Christian is to be incorporated into community.

She therefore picks up the idea from Jewish theology of two activities which embody spirituality: ‘*Devekut*’ or ‘clinging to God’ – our need for contemplating the Mystery and in it finding our nourishment, and ‘*Tikkun O’lam*’ or ‘repair of the world’ – our responsibility to work for justice and the bringing in of God’s kingdom.

The Benedictine carvings of the cat and the monkey in Iona Abbey [in Scotland] also remind us of this balance in our spirituality – activity and contemplation.”

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WELCOME

Deborah Patterson

PRELUDE – “My Love Colours Outside the Lines” Gordon Light, arr. Andrew Donaldson
Guest Soloist: Tom Doherty Accompanist: Donita Bauer

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (Unison)**

Yoruba Siddiq

Leader: Come, sisters and brothers, come, to worship the God of all creation!

People: We come to praise and honor the Holy Name of the God of life.

Leader: Come, all you who seek the ways of God’s healing and grace.

People: We come to worship and give thanks to the God of hope and mercy.

Leader: Come, all who are called by God to serve with hands, and hearts, and minds.

People: We come in response to the love we have been given.

ALL: Let us sing praise to God in all that we do!



*** OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE – “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

*Words Joachim Neander, trans, alt.
Tune: Stralsund Gesungbuch, 1685: Lobe Den Herren
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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation!
O my soul, praise God, who blesses with health and salvation!
Come, all who hear, sisters and brothers draw near;
Praise God with glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who has called you by name and has claimed you!
Shelters you underneath wings that uphold and sustain you.
Have you not seen, all that is needful has been
Granted in what God ordains you.

Praise to the Lord, who does prosper your work and defend you;
Surely God’s goodness and mercy will daily attend you.
Ponder anew all our Redeemer can do,
Who, with great love, does befriend you.

*** LITANY OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS**

Mary Slutz

Leader: Loving God, your tender arms hold us close in times of fear.

People: You are our strength and our song, our rock and our redeemer.

Leader: Merciful God, your comforting presence sustains us through danger.

People: You are kind to all people, and your compassion is for all creation.

Leader: Strengthening God, who lead us in paths of healing and hope.

People: You are our wisdom and our refuge, our guidance and our rest.

Leader: Healing God, touch us with the welcoming spirit of your Shalom.

People: You alone are God, and we thank you for your everlasting love.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD! Alleluia! Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC – “The Call”

R. Vaughn Williams

Soloist: Tom Doherty Accompanist: Donita Bauer



PRAYER

Yoruba Siddiq

SCRIPTURE READING – Romans 15:32-16:2

Mary Slutz

“By God’s will may I come to you with joy and, together with you, be refreshed. The God of peace be with you all. I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deaconess of the church in Cenchrea. I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been a great help to many people, including me.”

SERMON – “In the Steps of St. Cuthbert”

Helen Wordsworth



PRAYER

Deborah Patterson

*** HYMN OF ADORATION – “The Presence of the Living God”**

Words: Deborah L. Patterson, c 2009

Tune: Morning Song 8.6.8.6.8.6., Kentucky Harmony 1816, Public Domain

The presence of the living God
Is fragrant, fresh and free,
With palettes of astounding hue
On sunrise, rock, and tree,
And breeze that sings a round of praise
With earth and sky and sea.

The tending work of God’s own hand
Is with the suff’ring found.
In haunts of abject poverty
Can kindness still abound
And to the wounded, weary ones
Comes mercy’s sacred sound.

Oh, taste and see that God is good
And hear the voice of care
That bids us rise from beds of pain
In healing love to share.
Oh, let us open up our eyes
To see God ev’rywhere.

*** BENEDICTION**

Yoruba Siddiq

POSTLUDE

Donita Bauer



*** Would all who are able, please stand.**



Participants

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