

Wading into Easter

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, all of you is welcome here.

This Week's Loving Action: Covenant

A promise to "do or not do" or "say or not say" regardless of another's ability or willingness in response. Covenants are rarely contractual, "if/then," commitments.

GATHERING LIGHT

Jason Howze

River Flows in You

SING

Wade in the Water

SLT #210 African Am. Spiritual

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children Wade in the water, Spirit's gonna trouble the water

See that band all dressed in white
Love is gonna trouble the water
The leader looks like an Israelite
Spirit's gonna trouble the water
Wade in the water, wade in the water, children
Wade in the water, Love is gonna trouble the water

See that band all dressed in red.
Spirit's gonna trouble the water
It looks like the band that Moses led
Love is gonna trouble the water
Wade in the water, wade in the water, children
Wade in the water, Spirit's gonna trouble the water

CALL TO PRESENCE

Mark Reischling

Adapted from "Unless a grain of wheat..." by Malcolm Guite

One: Oh let us fall as grain to the good earth

All: And pass away from all dry separation

One: Die to my sole self, and find new birth

All: Within that very death, a dark fruition One: Deep in this crowded underground, to learn

All: The earthy otherness of every other One: To know that nothing is achieved alone

All: But only where these other fallen gather

UNISON RESPONSE

Co-creation

 $by \, Joe \, Thompson, \, adapted$

Now, as we accept the seeds of others' work into the womb of our soul Our artwork can be born I will not be present for the birth Nor will I ever truly know what we have brought into the world - what it means to you.

SACRED READINGS

Isaiah 61:11 John 12: 24-25 John 14:1-2

TEACHING COMMUNION

For the Beauty of the Earth
NCH #529

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Wade in the Water

BLESSING SONG

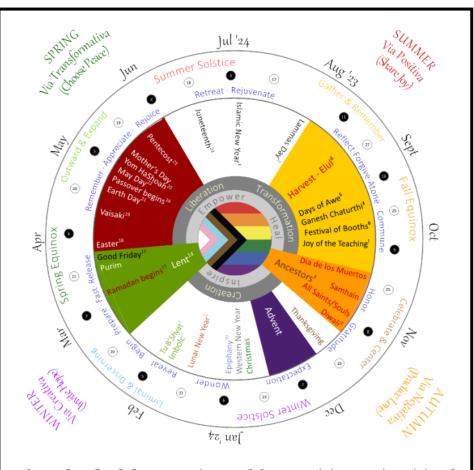
<u>Ubi Caritas</u>
Ubi caritas, et amor
Ubi caritas, De-us ibi est
(Where benevolence and Love are, there is the Divine)

Your Gathering Leaders Today:

Reader: Mark Reischling Bass: Dylan Juhan Accompanist: *Jason Howze* Percussion: Shane Schlick

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Sacred Readings

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John 12:24-25 "Listen carefully: Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground, dead to the world, it is never any more than a grain of wheat. But if it is buried, it sprouts and reproduces itself many times over. In the same way, anyone who holds on to life just as it is destroys that life. But if you let it go, reckless in your love, you'll have it forever, real and eternal.

John 14:1-2 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in Love; believe also in me. In my Maker's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, I would have told you, for I go to make room for you.

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