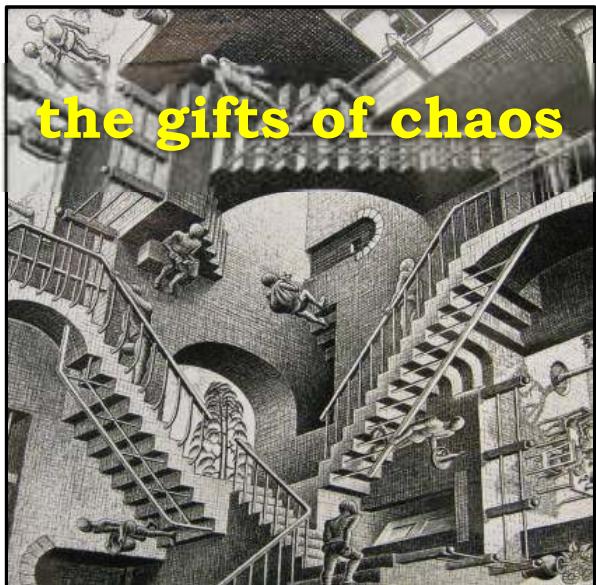


reconnecting your spirit without disconnecting your mind

first united methodist church eleven:eleven celebration

October 1, 2017



celebration leaders
tom mcdermott, brad thompson,
charme robarts

gathering and registration

please use this time to connect with others and to register your attendance; bring your attendance card to the altar during our time of offering and singing or scan the qr code on the back or go to fumcfw.org/celebrationattendance to register online from your smartphone)

**scan the qr code to
register your attendance!**



gift of song

performed by eleven:eleven revolution

the welcome candle

come, come, whoever you are. wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving. it doesn't matter. ours is not a caravan of despair.
come, even if you have broken your vows a thousand times.
come, yet again

invocation

offering song

(these offerings go toward the support of fumc ministries, including 11:11 celebration.
dollar bills collected in October will support First Street Mission's clothing closet for the homeless.

"come dance" gaby

there are no steps to this sacred dance
just the feel of your feet on the floor
arms in the air as free as your birth
and as simple as a wave on the shore

the voices you heard have no power here
find a rhythm that fits how you live
silence the critical voices inside us
that strain our lives through a sieve

god of pleasure and wilderness,
grant us the wisdom to dance with creation.
god of wonder and bliss,
give us love for the beauty of all our relations.
as we stretch out our hands to the heavens so fair,
let this dance be our prayer.

we move in a mystery of all that we see
we dance for the wonder of being
we dance through the struggles to remind us of how
the truth is finally freeing

chorus

come dance with your brothers and leave all your cares
come sisters and mothers and let down your hair
come stars of the morning and darkest of night
for the joy of creation is god's greatest delight

chorus

passing the peace

(exchanging gifts of greeting and peace with one another)

gift of story

jayna baker

gift of song

performed by eleven:eleven revolution

opening our hearts and minds

brad baker

psalm 42: 6-8 (from *opening to you*)

how i am incomplete, my heart pours out within me!
therefore i will remember you. from the land of jordan, from the peaks of hermon, from the foothills there. chaos calls out to chaos. deep calls out to deep. in your towering waterfall, waves and billows drench me. in the daytime you summon your kindness. and at night you sing to me. my prayer for my life to be among the living.

john3: 1-10 (the message)

there was pharisee, nicodemus, a prominent leader among the jews. late one night he visited jesus and said, “rabbi, we all know you're a teacher straight from god. no one could do all the god-revealing acts you do if god weren't a part of it all.” jesus said, “you're absolutely right. and unless a person is born anew, it's not possible to see what i'm pointing to — to god's kingdom.”

nicodemus asked, “how can anyone be born who has already been born and grown up? you can't re-enter your mother's womb and be born again! jesus said, “you're not listening. unless a person connects with this original creation—the ‘wind-hovering-over-the-water’ creation, the invisible moving the visible—it's not possible to see god's kingdom. when you look at a baby, it's just that: a body you can look at and touch. but the person who takes shape within is formed by something you can't see and touch—the spirit. you become a living spirit.

“so don't be so surprised when i tell you that you have to be ‘born anew’—out of this world, so to speak. you know well enough the wind blows this way and that. you hear it rustling through the trees, but you have no idea where it comes from or where it's headed next. that's the way it is with everyone ‘born anew’ by the wind of god.” nicodemus asked, “what do you mean? how does this happen?” jesus said, “you're a respected teacher of israel and you don't know this basic stuff?

message

“finding your flow (or how to be happily discontented or how to be in two places at the same time)”

rev. tom mcdermott

“come and find the quiet center”

come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead, find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed: clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

in the spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain, let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain: there's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care, in the spirit's lively scheming there is al - ways room to spare!!”

the gift of communion

(our communion is open to all. we are taking communion by intinction – take the piece of bread and dip it into the cup. you are then invited to return to your seat and either remain quiet or continue singing with others while the meal continues)

gift of song

“so are you to me”

written by eastmountainsouth
performed by eleven:eleven revolution

blessing

“I am willing” near

i am open and i am willing
for to be hopeless would seem so strange
it dishonors those who go before us
so lift me up to the light of change

eleven:eleven revolution

brad thompson - acoustic guitar / vocals
mike brown - bass guitar; jon fortman - drums
dace sultanov – cello; laurie simmons - piano
david rosario & jim miller – saxophones
claire kirk & alaina gunter - vocals
austin patton - sound engineer

some thoughts for the journey

I think there is a world market for maybe five computers”
– thomas Watson (1874-1956) chairman of ibm, 1943.

“make sure it is god's trumpet you are blowing- if it is only yours it won't wake the dead, it will simply disturb the neighbors.”
– w. ian thomas

with the drawing of this love and the voice of this calling. we shall not cease from exploration. and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time
- ts elliot

god created the world out of nothing. as long as we are nothing, god can make something out of us. – martin luther

sell your cleverness, buy bewilderment – rumi

programs and events

FOCUS FIRST is a constructive survey that asks the questions, **“Who are we? Who is our neighbor? What is God calling us to do now?”**
www.fumcfw.org/connect/focusfirst OR
scan the qr code to take the survey



WANT TO SAY MORE? Future **Focus Groups** to meet Sundays, Oct. 8 &15 (after church) or Wed. evenings, Oct.11 & 18, Childcare is available with advanced reservations. **Watch for sign-up details on the church website.**

Wine & Wishful Thinking
at **WineHaus** -Mondays | 7:00 - 8:30 pm

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