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gift of song

"telling stories"

music & lyrics: tracy chapman

performed by the eleven:eleven revolution band

the welcome candle (rumi)

led by sharon west

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!

gathering song

"wake up"

lyrics and music: charles gaby

performed by the eleven:eleven revolution band

sharing signs of peace and welcome

a song to pass the time as we pass the plate

"love hear my voice"

music and lyrics: elizabeth wills

performed by the eleven:eleven revolution band

kairos

george sutton

gift of story

read by jay anthis

matthew 13: 10-17 (the message)

the disciples came up and asked, "why do you tell
stories?" he replied, "you've been given insight into

god's kin-dom. you know how it works. not everybody
has this gift, this insight; it hasn't been given to them.

whenever someone has a ready heart for this, the
insights and understandings flow freely. but if there is
no readiness, any trace of receptivity soon disappears.

that's why i tell stories: to create readiness, to nudge

the people toward a welcome awakening. in their
present state they can stare till doomsday and not see
it, listen till they're blue in the face and not get it. i don't

want isaiah's forecast repeated all over again:

'your ears are open but you don't hear a thing. your eyes

are awake but you don't see a thing. the people are

stupid! they stick their fingers in their ears so they won't
have to listen; they screw their eyes shut so they won't

have to look, so they won't have to deal with me

face-to-face and let me heal them.'

but you have god-blessed eyes—eyes that see! and

god-blessed ears—ears that hear! a lot of people,

prophets and humble believers among them, would have

given anything to see what you are seeing, to hear what

you are hearing, but never had the chance."

observations & considerations

the world is a story

"how to tell a stories like jesus"

a conversation with kagan parker & tom mcdermott

gift of song

"all the world is one"

music and lyrics: peter mayer

performed by the eleven:eleven revolution band

benediction

thoughts for future reflection

don't let them get you to hate them.

— mlk, jr

it is not enough to hate your enemy. you have to understand how the two of you bring each other to deep completion.

— don delillo

what people believe to be true is only true in its consequences.

— alfred north whitehead

nationalism is not the awakening of nations to consciousness; it invents nations where they do not exist.

— ernest gellner

when francis harwood, an anthropologist, asked a souix elder why people tell stories, the elder answered, "in order to become human beings." she asked, "aren't we human beings already?" the elder smiled, "not everyone makes it."

— laura simms

the most important question anyone can ask is: what myth am i living?

— carl jung

the eleven:eleven revolution band is...

brad thompson - music/band leader, vocalist, guitarist •
justin pate - keyboard, vocalist • jon mosig - drums •
kevin grove - lead guitar • lee allen - bass, vocals •
alaina gunter - vocals • sarah caldwell - guest vocalist



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opportunities and small groups

wine and wishful thinking

next gathering 03.11.2025

2nd & 4th tuesdays, 7-8:30 pm

[winehaus 1628 park pl ave, fort worth, tx 76110](#)

wine, beer, light bites, and great conversation

contact tom for info: tmcdermott@myfumc.org

conspiracy opportunities

core practices:

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