

July 20, 2025

Eleven:Eleven

in the garden

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Arrival Song

"Everybody Needs Everybody"
Music & Lyrics: Up With People

Welcome Candle (Rumi)

Charme Robarts

Gathering Song

"Wake Now My Senses
(Be Thou My Vision)"
Music & Lyrics: Thomas Mickelson

Sharing Signs of Peace and Welcome

Gift of Song

"Anam Cara"
Music & Lyrics: Howard Hangar

Kairos

Cynthia Powell

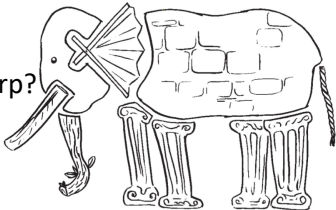
Sacred Text

Kelly Reeves
The Blind Men and the Elephant
by John Godfrey Saxe (1816-87) (Based on a Hindu parable)

"It was six men of Indostan
To learning much inclined,
Who went to see the Elephant
(Though all of them were blind),
That each by observation
Might satisfy his mind.

The First approached the elephant,
And happening to fall
Against his broad and sturdy side,
At once began to bawl:
"God bless me! but the Elephant
Is very like a wall!"

The Second, feeling of the tusk,
Cried, "Ho! what have we here,
So very round and smooth and sharp?
To me 'tis mighty clear
This wonder of an Elephant
Is very like a spear!"

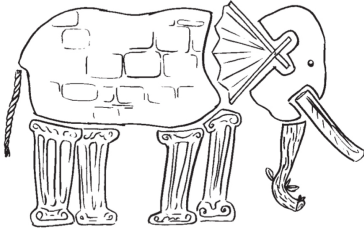


The Third approached the animal,
And happening to take
The squirming trunk within his hands,
Thus boldly up and spake:
"I see," quoth he, "the Elephant
Is very like a snake!"

The Fourth reached out his eager hand,
And felt about the knee.
"What most this wondrous beast is like
Is mighty plain," said he:
"'Tis clear enough the Elephant
Is very like a tree!"

The Fifth, who chanced to touch the ear,
Said: "E'en the blindest man
Can tell what this resembles most;
Deny the fact who can,
This marvel of an Elephant
Is very like a fan!"

The Sixth no sooner had begun
About the beast to grope,
Than seizing on the swinging tail
That fell within his scope,
"I see," quoth he, "the Elephant
Is very like a rope!"



And so these men of Indostan
Disputed loud and long,
Each in his own opinion
Exceeding stiff and strong,
Though each was partly in the right,
And all were in the wrong!

Observations & Considerations Kagan Parker
Interconnected Act 3: ❄️ The Illusion of Individualism

Closing Song "Help!"
Music & Lyrics: The Beatles

Benediction Kagan Parker

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 - Vocalist | Lydia Smith-Osborne - Vocalist

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Thoughts for Future Reflection

"We are being called beyond the myth of individualism to the reality of communal life."

✧✧ Barbara Holmes

"Each of us holds a piece of the puzzle. And when we come together, the picture becomes clearer. That is the miracle of community."

✧✧ Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

"No one creed has a monopoly on spiritual truth; no one civilization encompasses all the spiritual, ethical, and artistic expressions of mankind."

✧✧ Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

"Truth is too large to be known in isolation."

✧✧ Margaret Wheatley

Opportunities and Small Groups

Conspiracy Opportunities

Core Practice: Tell the Bigger Sacred Story

Wine and Wishful Thinking

2nd and 4th Tuesdays | 7:00 – 8:30 pm | Next: July 22

Wine, Beer, Light Bites, and Great Conversation

Winehaus | 1628 Park Pl Ave | Fort Worth 76110

Contact Kagan for more info at kparker@myfumc.org.

Summer Book Club: Folded Pages

Mon., July 7 | 6:30 - 8:00 pm | Room 336

Join us in July as we read "Braiding Sweet Grass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Monday Musers

Mondays | July 14 - August 11 | 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Room 350, FUMC | Registration: \$15

Book: "Falling Upward: A Companion Journal" by Richard Rohr

Potluck

Wednesdays | July 16 - August 6 | 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Wesley Hall | Bring a dish to share

Plus a Side of Knowledge

Wednesdays | July 16 - August 6 | 7:30 pm

Room 350, FUMC | About the United Methodist Church

Room 336, FUMC | How We Got the Bible

Justin Gym Bldg. | Evening Yoga with Linda Blanchard

Core Practice: Show Up for Others

First Street Methodist Mission needs Skillets this month.

Leave donations in the bin on Refreshment Table or @801 West 1st St. Tues-Thurs, 8 am - 1 pm, ringing bell at the Henderson St double doors.

To assist with United States Disaster Recovery (Hill Country Floods) you can give online @

<https://advance.umcmision.org/p-620-umcor-us-disaster-response-and-recovery.aspx>



Core Practice: Mindfulness Meditation

The Buddhist Metta (Lovingkindness) Prayer, Adapted

My heart fills with loving kindness. I love myself. May I be happy. May I be well. May I be peaceful. May I be free.

If I have hurt anyone, knowingly or unknowingly in thought, word or deed, I ask for their forgiveness.

If anyone has hurt me, knowingly or unknowingly in thought, word or deed, I extend my forgiveness.

May all beings everywhere, whether near or far, whether known to me or unknown, be happy. May they be well. May they be peaceful. May they be free.

For All Opportunities:

<https://fumcfw.org/events/>

Notes, Scribbles and other Musings