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11:07 AM Sunday Service • Easter 4, April 21, 2024

Opening Statement.....Rev. Greg Neteler

**The living Christ within reveals to me
the nature and power of its presence within.**

Hymn No. 23.....The Morn of Truth Is Breaking

Reading and Response.....Rev. Carole Lunde

ILLUMINATION: As God’s child, I now claim my guidance.

HEALTH: I stand firm in the faith that God is healing me now.

**PROSPERITY: The spirit of the Lord in me helps me to succeed
and prosper.**

**PEACE: In the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, peace
is established throughout the world.**

The Lord’s Prayer.....Congregation

Video.....Chopin: *Revolutionary Etude*

Lesson.....Rev. Greg Neteler
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Meditation.....Rev. Greg Neteler

Announcements.....Rev. Carole Lunde

Offertory Blessing.....Congregation

God is my instant, constant, abundant source of supply.

Offertory*Your Smiling Face*

Hymn No. 1.....*Praise God that Good Is Everywhere*

Consecration of Offering.....Rev. Carole Lunde

Benediction.....Rev. Greg Neteler

Prayer for ProtectionCongregation

Hymn No. 3*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Today

12:00 Noon.....Refreshments and Fellowship

Next Sunday, Easter 5, April 28

11:07 am.....Rev. Greg Neteler.....*Relighting an Ancient Lamp*

From Our Archives...

If they say to you, “Where have you come from?” Say to them,
“We have come from the light, From the place where the light came
into being by itself.”

—*The Gospel of Thomas*, Saying No. 50.

The problem for and the function of religion in this age is to
awaken the heart.

—Joseph Campbell, *Thou Art That*.

Deep at the heart of all that is, there shines the beauty of a
transcendent glory.

—Anonymous.

Finding the deeper meaning [of the Bible texts] is thus the process
by which God gradually, by means of parable and metaphor, leads
those to whom God would reveal himself from the sensible to the
intelligible world.

—Clement of Alexandria..

The priests have a secret philosophy concerning their religion
contained in their national scriptures, while the common people only
hear fables which they do not understand. If these fables were heard
from a private man without the gloss of a priest they would appear
exceedingly absurd.

—Origen, the most learned of the fathers of the Church.

A Vision

By Dr. Richard Maurice Bucke (Psychiatrist)

From the introduction to his groundbreaking work *Cosmic Consciousness*, published in 1901 and never out of print to this day.

1. In contact with the flux of cosmic consciousness all religions known and named today will be melted down.
2. The human soul will be revolutionized.
3. Religion will absolutely dominate the race.
4. It will not depend on tradition.
5. It will not be believed and disbelieved.
6. It will not be a part of life, belonging to certain hours, times, occasions.
7. It will not be in sacred books nor in the mouths of priests.
8. It will not dwell in churches and meetings and forms and days.
9. Its life will not be in prayers, hymns nor discourses.
10. It will not depend on special revelations, on the words of gods who came down to teach, nor on any bible or bibles.
11. It will have no mission to save men from their sins or to secure them entrance to heaven.
12. It will not teach a future immortality nor future glories, for immortality and all glory will exist in the here and now.
13. The evidence of immortality will live in every heart as sight in every eye. Doubt of God and of eternal life will be as impossible as is now doubt of existence; the evidence of each will be the same.
14. Religion will govern every minute of every day of all life.
15. Churches, priests, forms, creeds, prayers, all agents, all intermediaries between the individual and God will be permanently replaced by direct unmistakable intercourse.
16. Sin will no longer exist nor will salvation be desired.
17. [Men and women] will not worry about death or a future, about the kingdom of heaven, about what may come with and after the cessation of the life of the present body.
18. Each soul will feel and know itself to be immortal, will feel and know that the entire universe with all its good and with all its beauty is for it and belongs to it forever.
19. The world peopled by [persons] possessing cosmic consciousness will be as far removed from the world of to-day as this is from the world as it was before the advent of self consciousness.

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With the deepest reverence of which my soul is capable; praying ceaselessly for the expansion of my powers to receive; dedicating myself to the work of knowing Thee as the supreme attainment of existence, Father of Life, I present myself to Thee, that Thy Life eternal may take hold of me, submerge me, and absorb me. In the name of Him who has revealed Thy life in me.

Amen.

—Imelda Shanklin, 1923.

**Lord Jesus Christ, expresser of my Father's goodness,
In Thy name I ask Thee to make known to me the
nature of Thy name, that I may become like Thee.
Amen.**

Transcendence—1. The state of being beyond usual limits.
2. A state of being or existence above and beyond the limits of physical experience.

Allegory—A word, based upon two Greek words, meaning “to say one thing by means of another.”

Metaphor—A figure of speech that comes from two Greek words meaning “beyond” and “to carry.” A metaphor carries you beyond the ordinary meaning to fresh connotations.

Myth—A sacred story that is fictional in respect to history but eternal in the meaning it contains.

Parable—A fictional story in which one situation is compared to another. It comes from two Greek words meaning “alongside” and “to throw” or “to put.” Parables usually have one key point to make, whereas allegories may touch upon many.



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