



**Being human,  
Being love**

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**Office and Building Hours**

Office Monday - Thursday  
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Monday - Thursday,  
7:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
Other building hours by  
scheduled appointment only.

**Welcome to Christ Community!**

This community is open to all who would join and continue the human journey, seeking to learn, to grow, to love deeply, and live more meaningfully! We are glad you are here. Let us know how we can connect with you.

**Ian Lawton**, Executive Minister,  
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**Turning to One Another**  
**Sunday, July 23, 2006**  
**8:30 & 9:30 a.m.**  
**Christ Community Church**

**Prelude**

*Pastorale and Aviary*

...**Abbie Rockwood**  
...Myron Roberts

**Introit**

*My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

...Early Quaker Song

*My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.  
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing.  
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?*

**Gathered In Community**

Sacred is nothing special. It's just life, revealing its true nature. Life's true nature is wholeness, Indra's net embracing every living thing, able to contain all unique expressions. In a sacred moment, I experience that wholeness. I know I belong here. I don't think about it, I simply feel it. Without any work on my part, my heart opens and my sense of "me" expands. I'm no longer locked inside my small self. I don't feel alone or isolated. I feel here. I feel welcomed.

--Margaret Wheatley, *Turning to One Another*

Welcome to this place made holy by the presence and conversations of countless people.

One: How are you? [*Makadii?*]

All: **I am here if you are here.** [*Ndiripo Makadiwo*]

One: I am here [*Ndiripo*]

All: **The God in me greets the God in all.**

--A traditional greeting of the Shona people of Zimbabwe

**\*Opening Hymn**

*"Cosmic Conversation"*

...tune: Jerusalem

...words: Ian Lawton, inspired by  
Margaret Wheatley poem "Stars"

In the bright night, air flows so free  
Stars sing a siren song from space  
life is so grand, life is so vast!  
"What is our human place in all?"  
The stars are seeking our response.  
"What is our place in mystery?"  
What are these the words we hear so clear?  
A song of inner radiance.

The next bright night, clear air around  
Stars sing their songs of ecstasy  
they call to us, they call to all  
turning one to another now  
turning to see, turning to hear  
turning to see life everywhere.  
What are these the words we hear so clear?  
A song of inner radiance.

## Participants:

**Preacher:** Ian Lawton

**Liturgist:** Jean McCabe

**Organist:** Abbie Rockwood

**Choir Director:** John Slaghter

**Ushers:** Bob DeWall (Captain), Judy DeWall, Lloyd Plakke, Steve Platt, Ric Van Weelden, Marti Youngdahl, Michael Youngdahl, Char Zoet, Ron Zoet.

The Green Team ushers next week.

**Greeters:** Jerry Rodarmer

**Sound Booth:** Brian Drabczyk

**Camera:** Kate Ujlaky, Brad Vander Ark

**Growing Place:** Cheryl VanAbbema

**Ministry Council Hosts:** Cindy Terlouw, Karen Cotton

## Margaret Wheatley

Margaret Wheatley is the best-selling author of *Leadership and the New Science*, as well as co-founder and president emerita of The Berkana Institute, a global, charitable foundation established in 1992, which is dedicated to serving life-affirming leaders. She has been an organizational consultant and researcher since 1973 and a dedicated global citizen since her youth. Her first work was as a public school teacher and urban education administrator in New York, and a Peace Corps volunteer in Korea. She also has been Associate Professor of Management at the Marriott School of Management, Brigham Young University, and Cambridge College, Massachusetts.

Dr. Wheatley received her doctorate from Harvard University's program in Administration, Planning and Social Policy. She holds an M.A. in Communications and Systems Thinking from New York University, and has also been a research associate at Yale University. She serves as advisor to the Danish government's Learning Labs and to the Australian Centre for Educational Leadership. She has been advisor to both the Croatian Management Academy and to The Fetzer Institute. The American Society for Training and Development has honored her with the title "a living legend."

Wheatley draws on a variety of disciplines such as; science, history, literature, systems thinking, organizational behavior, social policy, cosmology and theology as she explores the way all great social movements have begun as simple conversations. For more info on the upcoming CRL event featuring Margaret Wheatley, info on purchasing her books, and the chance to attend her private reception, please see the bulletin insert.

## Welcome and News of the Community

### Readings

<sup>13</sup>Two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"  
--Luke 24: 13-18

I love the biblical passage: "Whenever two or more are gathered, I am there." It describes for me the holiness of moments of real listening. The health, wholeness, holiness of a new relationship forming. I have a T-shirt from one conference that reads: "You can't hate someone whose story you know." You don't have to like the story, or even the person telling you their story. But listening creates a relationship. We move closer to one another.

A young, black South African woman taught some of my friends the healing power of listening. She was sitting in a circle of women from many nations, and each woman had the chance to tell a story from her life. When her turn came, she began to quietly tell a story of true horror—of how she had found her grandparents slaughtered in their village. Many of the women were Westerners, and in the presence of such pain they instinctively wanted to do something. They wanted to fix it, to make it better—anything to remove the pain of this tragedy from such a young life. The young woman felt their compassion, but also felt them closing in. She put her hands up, as if to push back their desire to help. She said: "I don't need you to fix me. I just need you to listen to me."

--Margaret Wheatley, *Turning to One Another*

### Prayers

...Jean McCabe

May you be blessed with good friends.

May you learn to be a good friend to yourself.

May you be able to journey to that place in your soul where there is great love, warmth, feeling, and forgiveness.

May this change you.

May it transfigure that which is negative, distant, or cold, in you.

May you be brought in to the real passion, kinship, and affinity of belonging.

May you treasure your friends.

May you be good to them and may you be there for them; may they bring you all the blessings, challenges, truth, and light you need for your journey.

May you never be isolated.

May you always be in the gentle nest of belonging with your anam cara.  
(Anam Cara is the Gaelic word for soul friend)

--John O'Donohue

### Children Unleashed To Summer Program

Thank you to our summer volunteers this morning, Michael Peoples and Kristi VanWeelden

### Choral Response to Prayer

*Peace is flowing like a river, flowing out of you and me. Flowing out among all people, setting all our spirits free.*

*Love is flowing...*

*Joy is flowing...*

*Alleluia!*

## Sermon

*"Transformed by Conversation"*

...Ian Lawton

## Offertory

*This Little Light of Mine*

...African American Spiritual

*This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine  
This joy I have...  
Every where I go, I'm gonna let it shine.*

## Reception of our Gifts

### \*Closing Hymn

*Conversation: One in Love We Talk Together* tune: Hyfrodol  
words: adapted by Betty Van Till

One in love, we talk together, one in time, and never apart.  
We in flesh as brother, sister makes us one in mind and heart.  
All incarnate, we would offer, all we most sincerely prize,  
Learning though traditions differ how they join to make us wise.

One in outlook, always searching not to bind in common creed,  
As a people, be more ready to respond to other's need.  
Here we are so finely fashioned, understanding, here to serve,  
Never narrow in compassion, empathy without reserve.

As in Christ, may we discover that to give is to receive  
That in God the good is present, ever, always we perceive.  
Not by chance the world's creation, not by chance was life begun,  
God is love and our vocation is to love 'til love has won.

### \*Blessing

There is no greater power than a community discovering what it cares about. We ask the question, "What's possible?" rather than "What's wrong?" and we keep asking.

We talk to people we know, and people we don't know.

We expect to be surprised and inspired.

We treasure curiosity more than certainty.

Real listening brings us closer together.

We trust that our meaningful relationships will change the world.

--Margaret Wheatley

### \*Postlude

*Prelude and Trumpetings*

...Abbie Rockwood

...Myron Roberts



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## Upcoming Sundays at C3/CCC

**July 30:** *Starting Conversation/ Sharing Vision*

In this second of the three-part series on conversation, Ian Lawton will explore how conversations can lead to the realization of a shared vision. We will continue to explore themes from Margaret Wheatley, a world-renowned expert in leadership. This is a very important idea for a community such as ours as we remember it was Margaret Mead who is quoted to have said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." The third part of this series will occur in August after Margaret Whealey's visit to C3/CCC.

**August 6:** *Your God and Mine*

This is the first of a three-part series on the origins of Progressive Christianity. Ian Lawton will be speaking as we trace the roots of post-theism, where God is more than just an external, supernatural, personal, being. This three-week series is part of a new initiative called the C3 Institute for Progressive Christianity. It is part of the Adult Education of the church. Stay tuned for details of a Wednesday evening class in the fall that will explore progressive Christianity in more depth.

## Church Family

Dick Rhem is recovering at home.

Congratulation to Nicole (DeNooyer) & Christopher Taylor, and grandparents, Mary Kay & Phil Taylor and Colette & Bob DeNooyer on the birth of Colin Christopher, born on July 14.

We extend our sympathy to Verna and Russ Stanton on the death of Verna's mother Audrey Minken on July 16.

We extend our sympathy to Boyd and Sara Wilson on the death of Boyd's father on July 21.

Christ Community is an alternative to church as usual.  
We live together in the awe of worship  
in the Presence of the Mystery of God  
Whose inclusive grace moves us to embrace all  
with unconditional love and gracious acceptance,  
irrespective of race, gender, economic status, age or sexual orientation.

Loving the world as God loves it,  
following the way of Jesus,  
sensitive to the winds of the Spirit,  
seeking to discern the Word of God in the biblical tradition,  
the Movement of God in the context of our culture.

Christ Community is an ecumenical community -  
in background,  
in faith perspective,  
in worship expression;  
a blending of all the great Christian traditions.

Christ Community finds its window to God in the face of Jesus  
while affirming the quest and insight of other faiths;  
opening ourselves to dialogue and mutual enrichment in our pluralistic world.

Christ Community is intentionally a community of open mind and warm heart...  
where the broken find healing,  
the doubting learn to trust,  
the anxious find peace,  
and the strong are confirmed,  
trusting God...

The God of The Beginning,  
The God of The End,  
The God with us in The Meantime...  
this in-between time.

We invite all to join us in this exciting venture of faith.



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