

Jazz Vespers in Murrayville

April 19, 2020 ~ Streamed online

Gathering in the Spirit of Jazz

Opening Note *Count Your Blessings*
by Darlene Cooper Ketchum

Words of Welcome

Acknowledgement of First Nations

Call to Worship

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Singing the Bowl

Prayer of Opening

Reflections in Word & Jazz

Reflection in Word *Words* by Ann Weems
(found in *Searching for Shalom* p.34)

Singing the Bowl

Musical Reflection *Let Love Show the Way*
by Bill Sample and Darlene Ketchum

Reflection in Word *The Mark of Unworthiness* by Joyce Rupp
(found in *Fly While You Still Have Wings* p. 37)

Singing the Bowl

Musical Reflection *If You Fall*
by Bill Sample and Darlene Ketchum

Reflection in Word *Wild Geese* by Mary Oliver
(found in *New and Selected Poems* vol. 1)

Singing the Bowl

Musical Reflection *You* – by Bill Sample

Responding with the Rhythms of Life

Reflection in Word *Enlightenment* - by Jack Kornfield (p. 332)

Singing the Bowl

Invitation to Generosity

Offering Note *You Are My Sunshine*
by Charles Mitchell and Jimmie Davis

Reflection in Word *Letter to Humanity from Coronavirus*
by Vivienne R. Reich

Singing the Bowl

Musical Reflection *Take Back Our World*
by Bill Sample and Darlene Ketchum

Blessing *An Act of Gratitude* by Robert Van De Weyer
(found in *Celtic Parables* p. 69)

Singing the Bowl

Final Note *There Will Be Joy*
by Bill Sample and Darlene Ketchum

*Our togetherness is marked by our intention to share hope,
and heart and presence. Honour each other... stay safe.*

Coronavirus Letter To Humanity

The earth whispered but you did not hear.

The earth spoke but you did not listen.

The earth screamed but you turned her off.

And so, I was born...

I was not born to punish you ...

I was born to awaken you ...

The earth cried out for help...

Massive flooding. But you didn't listen.

Burning fires. But you didn't listen.

Strong hurricanes. But you didn't listen.

Terrifying Tornadoes. But you didn't listen.

You still don't listen to the earth when.

Ocean animals are dying due to pollutants in the waters.

Glaciers melting at an alarming rate.

Severe drought.

You didn't listen to how much negativity the earth is receiving.

Non-stop wars.

Non-stop greed.

You just kept going on with your life...

No matter how much hate there was...

No matter how many killings daily...

It was more important to get that latest iPhone than worry about what the earth was trying to tell you ...

But now I am here.

And I've made the world stop on its tracks.

I've made YOU finally listen.

I've made you take refuge.

I've made you stop thinking about materialistic things...

Now you are like the earth...

You are only worried about YOUR survival.

How does that feel?

I give you fever... as the fires burn on earth.

I give you respiratory issues... as pollution fill the earth air.

I give you weakness as the earth weakens every day.

I took away your comforts... Your outings.

The things you would use to forget about the planet and its pain.

And I made the world stop...

And now...

China has better air quality... Skies are clear blue because factories are not spewing pollution unto the earth's air.

The water in Venice is clean and dolphins are being seen. Because the gondola boats that pollute the water are not being used.

YOU are having to take time to reflect on what is important in your life.

Again, I am not here to punish you...

I am here to Awaken you...

When all this is over and I am gone...

Please remember these moments...

Listen to the earth. Listen to your soul.

Stop Polluting the earth.

Stop Fighting among each other.

Stop caring about materialistic things.

And start loving your neighbors.

Start caring about the earth and all its creatures.

Start believing in a Creator.

Because next time I may come back even stronger...

Signed,
Coronavirus

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