

## MUSIC FOR GATHERING

### PRELUDE

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### GREETINGS

### SOUNDING OF TEMPLE BOWL

**INVOCATION #603** (responsive)  
*Beyond Words*

\* **HYMN #145**  
*As Tranquil Streams*

### \* CHALICE LIGHTING AND COVENANT

Love is the spirit of this church and service its law.  
This is our great covenant – to dwell together in peace,  
to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

### ANTHEM

### A TIME FOR ALL AGES :

### SINGING THE CHILDREN FORTH

Go now in peace, go now in peace.  
May the spirit of love surround you  
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

### WORDS FOR MEDITATION

*Tao Te Ching (The Power & Its Way) – ch. 1,25,51,34*

### QUIET MOMENT FOR MEDITATION

### SHARING JOYS, SORROWS, AND CONCERNS

## OFFERTORY

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### MEMBER MINUTE

### READING

from *Book of Burial*

### \*HYMN #175

*We Celebrate the Web of Life*

### READING

from *Classic of Rites, & Chuang-Tzu*

### SERMON

*IS BLACK AND WHITE BLACK AND WHITE?*  
*On Reality as Tao, Te, Chi, Yin & Yang*

### \* HYMN 123

*Spirit of Life*

### BENEDICTION

### CARRYING FORTH THE LIGHT

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth,  
the warmth of love, or the fire of courage.  
These we carry in our hearts and out into the world.

### POSTLUDE

Prelude Op.32, No. 12 by Rachmaninov

## **FOR INSERT**

### **WORDS FOR MEDITATION**

*Tao Te Ching (The Power & Its Way)* – ch. 1,25,51,34

The *tao*, the way that you can go is not The Tao.  
The word *tao* is not an adequate name for The Tao.  
The identified is mother of the ten thousand things.  
The Unidentifiable is the origin of heaven and earth. (1)  
Unformed, complete before heaven & earth formed,  
Solitary and silent, alone and unchanging,  
pervading all things without limit,  
its virtue grows all; its matter shapes all;  
its energy empowers all. (51)  
All beings owe their life to it and none depart from it.  
It clothes and nourishes all beings,  
but does not become their master.  
By not making itself great, it does great things. (34)  
I don't know its name – best call it Tao,  
best call it great. (25)

### **READING BEFORE HYMN #175**

from *Book of Burial*

The Book of Burial says,  
The purpose of burial is to return to the generative *Chi*,  
the power or energy of life.  
*Chi* moves within the earth and develops so as to  
generate the ten thousand things....  
When *Chi* moves externally, it is generating forms;  
when *Chi* moves internally, it is generating life....  
Life is the condensation of *Chi*....  
The *Chi* of *yin* and *yang* –  
the life energy in reciprocating, balancing duality –  
flows out and becomes wind;  
it ascends and becomes cloud;

it descends and becomes rain;  
it moves through the ground and becomes the  
generative *Chi*....  
Where *Chi* accumulates to form the ultimate ground,  
it then transforms to become the ten thousand things.  
(Taoist *Book of Burial*)

### **READING BEFORE SERMON**

from *Classic of Rites, & Chuang-Tzu*

Confucius acknowledged the truth of the ancient  
scripture of Proper Order, that the Rites or Ceremonies  
harmonize the feelings and nature of humans with *Chi*,  
the energy that produces life, the *Chi* in its *yang* phase  
of vigor without dissipation of its power and its *yin*  
phase of remission without vanishing of its power.  
(Confucian *Classic of Rites*)

Tung Kwo-tze asked Chuang-tzu, 'Where is what you  
call the Tao to be found?'  
Chuang-tzu replied, 'Everywhere.'  
Tung-tzu said, 'Specify an instance of it. That will be  
more satisfactory.'  
Chuang-tzu said, 'It is here in this ant,.'  
'Give me a lower instance.'  
'It is in this earthenware tile.'  
'Is that really the lowest instance?'  
Chuang-tzu said, 'It is in that excrement.'  
Tung-tzu gave no reply to this last statement....  
(Chuang-tzu 29)