



Rooted in Love: Rooted in Grace

8:45 a.m. + February 25, 2024 + Second Sunday in Lent

*You order all things graciously.
You are the mystery unfolding cosmos and humanity.
You are my homeland. My most original ground.
Your Presence welds all things together.
You are the caring love that carries me
like mother earth does forest, flower, tree.
Outside you the world is a wilderness, the universe indifferent,
the earth a barren planet and I a speck of dust.
Your Presence alone is lasting home;
You are the Beyond in the midst of daily life,
the sacrament of everydayness:
immersion in daily duty as flowing from your hand
is homecoming to you.
Fr. Adrian Van Kaam*

Reflecting Backwards

God Over All

*Suscipe, Suscipe.
Suscipe, suscipe.*

"Suscipe"

*All I am. All I have.
You've given all into my care:
Every single thought,
Every choice I make.
The freedoms I possess,
Come fill them all with love.
Please receive all I am.
As I receive all that you are.
I return to you,
All that I hold dear,
To use as you desire,
For I believe in this:*

*Your grace, your love,
Is all that I need.
Your love, your grace,
Is enough for me.*

Contemplating Scripture

Ephesians 2:1,4-5, 8-10

You were dead in the trespasses and sins....

*But God, who is rich in mercy,
out of the great love with which he loved us,
even when we were dead through our trespasses,
made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved....*

*For by grace you have been saved through faith,
and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God –
not the result of works, so that no one may boast.
For we are his workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.*

Song of Response

“The Beauty You See”

*I see the worst, you see the best.
I see a sinner, you see blessed!
Give me your eyes to gaze at myself,
To see the beauty you see.*

The Painting

“Parables for Personal Growth” Melinda Reinicke

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Meditation

Stilling Ourselves

“Quiet My Heart”

*Hear in the silence the whispers of memory,
Be still and listen, be still and wait.
Wait for the voice that once echoed through Eden,
That speaks affirmation, that longs to create.
The voice in the garden, the voice in the cloud.
The voice in the temple, still speaks aloud.*

*Quiet my heart, till I can hear,
There are distractions ever near.
Quiet my heart, help me discern,
What are the lessons I must learn.
Quiet my heart.*

*Help me awaken and rise up from slumber,
Shake off the darkness, shine with your light.
Willing to listen, to learn, and to follow,
To love with your passion, to see with your sight.
Help me be watchful for where I'm asleep.
Attentive and mindful. God come and speak!*

Silence

During these minutes of silence, simply rest in God's abiding and loving presence in this moment. You are in God and God is in you. Just be and relax. Center your attention in your heart and imagine your breath flowing in and out from your heart area. If it helps you to center, use a sacred prayer word such as Christ, Love, Abba, Jesus, or Spirit. Or follow the rhythm of your breath.

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Communion

Receiving a Good Word



Our Staff

*Haley Brown – Ministry Assistant & Director of gastrochurch
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For information about The Center for Christian Spirituality and upcoming events, visit:

www.TheCenterFCS.org.

Please register your presence in the notebooks in the foyer.

*If you have a prayer request or seeking support,
please contact Rachel Sciretti, rscoretti@chapelwood.org.*

Centering Prayer
Today | The Chapel | after Contemplative Worship

Worship Response
Today | The Anchor House | 10:00 a.m.

Rooted in Love, Noon Lenten Study
Wednesday | The Anchor House | 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Join Rachel Sciretti, Michael Sciretti, Andrew Wolfe and Teresa Rossy for weekly lunches during Lent. We will explore together what it means to be Rooted in Love. How might it be possible for us to uncover the hidden depths of God's love that dwells in us through Christ? We will read together Paul's Letter to the Ephesians and try a new spiritual practice each week, so that as Easter nears, the love of Christ will permeate every aspect of our existence. Registration includes a light lunch each week.



March Guided Silent Retreat: Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 2 | The Anchor House | 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The Stations of the Cross began as a remembrance that pilgrims had when they were retracing Jesus' final steps in Jerusalem up to the hill where He was crucified. Wanting to share that practice and experience with people who couldn't make the trip to Jerusalem, they created local stations of meditation that became in itself a tradition. You can find this tradition on the inside of many churches still today. At this guided silent retreat participants will be able to reflect on this journey through meditations, scripture and artwork from Scott Erickson. You will be free to use the day as you wish – reading the texts or doing your own reading and praying. There will be plenty of time for reading and reflection, prayerful walking, and space for prayerful art. Participants will receive handouts with readings, prayers for use as lectio divina as well as reflective questions. The cost of the retreat is \$35 and includes the price of lunch. We don't want anyone to miss out because of pricing. Contact Haley for information on scholarships at hbrown@chapelwood.org. Register with the QR code to the right or at <https://thecenterfcs.org/retreats/>



Becoming a Member through the Center
Sunday, March 3 | The Chapel | During Worship

Have you been worshipping with us for some time but are not a member of Chapelwood? Are you interested in becoming a member of The Center, which is a ministry of Chapelwood? Are you curious about how to officially "join"? Our next opportunity to officially join is March 3rd. Schedule a time to talk with Michael if you are interested and would like more information.

Rafa - An Evening of Contemplative Prayer, Lament, and Healing
Sunday, March 3 | The Chapel | 6:00 p.m. | <https://thecenterfcs.org/rafa>