

Worship Sharing 8/2/22

*"The Mystical Path: Pilgrimage To The One Who Is Always Here"*

"God sends his word in the person of Jesus Christ to announce just one thing. That thing is: "Wake up!" This theme of waking up, of getting up, of rising up, may well signify the meaning of spirituality the world over. Spirituality is our waking up — in our consciousness, in our working lives, in our whole way of living — waking up to the divine presence everywhere.

God is equally near to all creatures. God has a net, a hunter's ploy, spread out over all creation. We can penetrate this net filled with creatures and with things and recognize that God is everywhere. The person who knows God most truly is the person who can find the divine presence equally in all things. It is good that a person has a peaceful life; it is better that a person bear a trouble-filled life with patience. But best of all is that a person can be at peace even in the midst of trouble. For God is equally in all things and all places and is available in the same way and to the same degree in every circumstance. God speaks to us in and through even our most troubling predicaments. By listening deeply to the message of any given moment we can discern what we are meant to do, how we are meant to respond. We listen with our hearts. Obedience in its full sense is attuning the heart to God's simple call which is always contained in the complexity of any given situation. Just as the eye perceives light and the ear sound, the heart is the organ for sensing meaning and purpose.

Thus our waking up and our getting up is also an opening up. When we are opened up we are ready to accept and to receive. Spirituality thus becomes the art of wakefulness, of being aware, conscious and alive. Awe, astonishment and praise are the fruits of our wakefulness, our resurrection from dead consciousness. All we can say for this gift of a divine universe, divinely infused and divinely present, is thank you. Thus it is not happiness that makes us grateful; it is gratitude that makes us happy."

Daniel A. Seeger, 2002

Queries

How does this passage speak to your experience?

What practices help you find the divine presence in challenging moments?

How does the concept of of “wakefulness” speak to our times?