

ORDER OF SERVICE

DATE: JANUARY 2, 2011

10:00 A.M. MEDITATION

10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

SONG

INVOCATION

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

SONG

HEALING PRAYER (BACK OF BOOK)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SONG

GUEST SPEAKER: Ed Kilmer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

SONG

SPIRIT GREETING

BENEDICTION

SONG

FELLOWSHIP

Inspirational Thought(s)

"A man is what he thinks about all day long" - [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)

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"Imagination is the beginning of creation. You imagine what you desire, you will what you imagine and at last you create what you will." - [George Bernard Shaw](#)

Law of the Week (CREATION)

Within the context of your Earthly reality and within the existing economic, social, technological, and political structures, "The Law of Intentional Creation" means to use "The Law of Allowing" and "The Law of Thought" to consciously and intentionally create anything you choose in your own personal reality.

No Victims: There are no victims, only unconscious creators. We create one-hundred percent of our personal experiences. Most people create their experiences by accident and by default. If you choose to do so, you can learn to consciously and intentionally create your own experiences.

Co-Creations: We must also consider the fact that a great many of our creations are done with the conscious or unconscious cooperation of others. Co-creations include everything from two people privately interacting to the entire human collective consciousness. For example, the computer you are now using to read these words is a collective co-creation. It is the result of the cooperation and the work of literally hundreds of thousand of people.

Where co-creations are concerned, you cannot control the creations of another. You can; however, control your response to what you find yourself experiencing. And you can influence how and what others create.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR AND NEW YOU!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

How to apply Weekly Sermons to Our Lives

Cher Dyle's sermon titled **"The Thresholds of a New Year"** January 1 comes around each year, and the doors are always open. We tend to reflect a lot on the past and look forward to the future at this time. We should plant seeds to what we hope to harvest.

The stone that I have given you is smooth, polished, feels hard, and sturdy, yet they are formed by heat, water and over time. If the stone could speak, it would tell us of change, shaped by the past and experience. Likewise, when we tell our story, what has helped to shape and mold our lives? What were 2010 highlights, triumphs, and most joy?

Sometimes we can be weak, fragile, but not broken. Our hearts can be broken, yet we can learn and discover to live again. Like each stone, time will bring change. Regrets and mistakes does not render us depleted. We can misunderstand, however, we can say we are sorry and forgive. Know that Divine lives within us and will help us all the time.

Yes, let's reflect about how we will not take the struggle into the new year. Let's look to the future and take the good and positive things with us into the new year. In Proverbs it says that "Without a vision my people perish". What do you hold in your heart? Take this stone and be hopeful for the power of thought that you can bring into the New Year. _____

Know that Divine is with you at all times. You can co-create your life with God. Do not let others create your life for you. Know when to let go of those things that are not good for you and hold on to the Great things that have made you who you are today. Ask God "how can I grow, give and celebrate?" Meditate and wait on your answer. Happy New Year and Happy New You!

Co-Creators With God! – by Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller, NST

It is a New Year, what kind of a year will it be? There are so many crazy predictions about the next few years that one wonders what to think, so I asked my spirit guides to help me know what to do. My guidance was to be me as best as I could be, to grow in love, to be kind and helpful to others and to be a co-creator with God. I recall many years ago the first time I heard or read that we are co-creators with Divine Mind. I thought what an arrogant, egotistical idea. God is the Creator, we are the creation. Yet, as my understanding of the First Cause has changed I have come to believe that God and I are not separate, but that God is All that is, thus continues to express through that which has been created.

A similar discussion in a class one time brought the response, "then our lives are predestined." There are a few religions that believe in predestination, such as Presbyterians, but even they now rarely stress that one's life and destiny is determined or pre-ordained by God before birth. The belief of Spiritualism is much different for it affirms personal responsibility. I feel that each one is born with a road map to guide the soul in its growth. There are a variety of roads all leading to the final destination, some shorter and easier than other roads. There may be hurdles that themselves during the travels in order to assist in one's evolution and to guide one in a definite direction. The speed and the scenery correlates to how the soul reacts to the detours and here is where free choice, personal responsibility, or co-creation centers.

Because Spiritualism believes all souls are unique, necessary and required in order to complete a sacred mission for Infinite Intelligence, we believe that Spirit inspires and guides us along our earthly growth so we may fulfill our inner plan.

It is entirely up to each person how much inspiration, light or love we will allow into our being, allow to express through us, as us. We can tell when we become more open to God's guidance and energy for life becomes easier, more fun and joyous. We feel lighter, less serious, and more carefree. Things that bothered us earlier in our lives, just don't seem as important any more. The ego becomes quiet in order to hear within the still small voice of Spirit.

Then can we become co-creators with the Universe, for we tap into the Source of Creation. The amount of the creative genius of the Universe is delivered according to how much the soul will accept. All Mind-all thought is creative. There is nothing but God-nothing but Mind-Infinite Intelligence permeating everything, creating and expressing through the Law of Mind.

The way that God creates is through thought. Before anything can manifest there is a thought, an idea for creativeness begins with a thought, an image in the mind.

Creating something new in our lives takes courage, for often it is trail and error before success and a permanent change takes place. Those trails and errors should not be viewed as mistakes, rather as a part of the creative process, a new understanding of affinity. I like to look at changes and liken them to an explorer or a pioneer. If our early American pioneers had stopped at the first mountain, the first wide river, the first storm, or one of the many obstacles on their journey, the West would still be wild territory. Of course, some may wish it was still wild country. Most of the earth plane has been explored, so now the inner plane is the new horizon for discovery, and this is part of each of our physical road maps.

We all have something we would like to create in our lives, but often we think more of the obstacles to its manifestation than of the possibility that it can be accomplished. Be the explorer- close your eyes and see yourself at (with) your goal. Visualize the desired results, knowing that with God all obstacles can be and will overcome and your desire will be, is a reality. Creativity is a territory to be explored and settled. Stake your claim! I remember spending a summer as a child at an Aunt and Uncle's farm in Northern Minnesota. My cousin Lorraine and I explored everyday, creating wonderful stories with our minds and vivid imaginations. As we grow-up often the imagination used for good dreams shrivels up and the imagination of stress and fear replaces it. We are still creating what our thoughts are sending into the ethers.

As Spiritualists, we know that Infinite Intelligence wants only good for us. We also know that Natural Law responds and creates as our mind believes and receives (accepts). This is the Law of Cause and Effect and the Law of Mind. What are you creating? Are you tapping into the Infinite Unlimited Mind to expand your horizons? You can, you should.