

ORDER OF SERVICE

DATE: MARCH 27, 2011

10:00 A.M. MEDITATION

10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

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INVOCATION

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

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HEALING PRAYER (BACK OF BOOK)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SERMON: Rev Marrice Coverson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

SONG

SPIRIT GREETING

BENEDICTION

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FELLOWSHIP

Inspirational Thought(s)

"The whole point of being alive is to evolve into the complete person you were intended to be." – [Oprah Winfrey](#)

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"If I am not good to myself, how can I expect anyone else to be good to me?" - [Maya Angelou](#)

THE LAW OF LOVE:

Love: How often have we heard the words: "God is Love". St. Francis of Assisi best describes the Law of Love: "It is in giving love, that we receive love". We fall in love with someone, not because we expect to receive love back from them, but simply because we love their being, their soul. We love them because they are a droplet of the Divine. We recognize the God or Goddess within them and consequently want to love and serve them. Some special words to remember follow.

Recognize and accept Love as our true nature.

Be loving, gentle and respectful towards others in you thoughts, speech and actions.

Surrender your ego to others.

Hold your relationships with others more important than any issue.

Be centered and connected to your inner source.

Love others unconditionally and serve and support in their personal and spiritual growth.

Keep communications open and love conscious, active and present as we heal and grow together.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

How to apply Weekly Sermons to Our Lives

Rev. Coverson's sermon (3/20/11) titled "Spring Time and what it means to us as humans" Spring soil is for planting and growth (change). We harvest later. What does season(s) mean in our lives? How many of you have planted before? How many of you have gardens?

As a human, I see my life in two seasons (not four). There is the 1) Preparation season (plant) and 2) Reaping season (receive). Farmer's plant what they want to see. they work at their harvest by cultivating it often. We need to cultivate our thoughts and reinforce with positive images. If you want something (job, degree, love, house, finances), what is it that you need to do to start the process? How do you work at those desires in order to achieve your end result? It is a constant effort that you need to pay attention to!

You need to look at what you want (prepare) and work at it to manifest (harvest) it into our lives. Tap into God's gift/energy in side of us, and work at it daily. If you see something you don't want weed it out of your thoughts and actions then continue to fertilize for growth.

Start planting now so that you can harvest those things that you want. _____

Our human seasons can be measured by spring time (plant) and summer time (harvest). We need to PAY ATTENTION to what we want and plant the seeds to get it. Start on the path, renew you focus. Meditate, fertilize (feed) your thoughts and plan/or reshape as needed to achieve your ultimate goals.

Again, know that all is well and focus on the desired outcome, and so it shall be!

Lessons Learned From My Parents by Linda Newcomb Kelly

As a little girl growing up in my home town in southern Illinois, my mom and dad always had lessons to teach. We were a blended family of seventeen, I was a middle child, always wanting to be older so I could do what I wanted to do (like I thought my older brothers and sister had the ability to do, man was I wrong).

My dad and mom always had sayings like, "you will be grown soon enough", "don't grow up too soon", "stay a child as long as you can" "your attitude determines your altitude". Their point, there were lessons to be learned as a child, that could benefit me as an adult, and my parents were willing to teach these lessons even if you wanted them to or not. I am so glad and proud that they taught me so much.

One lesson I recall from my parents had them getting all the children together for spring cleaning and maintenance. The time of year that most children looked forward to taking a break from school lessons, now we were tied to the house for cleaning and maintenance chores. I remember being in our home with bedrooms for the boys and rooms for the girls. These rooms and the house had to be deep cleaned four times (spring, summer, fall, and winter breaks) a year.

We had to clean the house inside and outside (windows, doors, walls, floors, ceilings, light fixtures) as well as the yard work (pull weeds and put in new buds or flowers). Paying attention to detail and making sure you were thorough, if not, you had to repeat the steps. We also had to paint or hang wall. paper (the older kids). They had to prep the walls to get ready for the paint or the wall paper. By prepping the walls, it had to be cleaned to receive the new cover (paint or wallpaper).

This quarterly transformation brings to mind how we need to routinely clean our body and mind of clutter, worry, and dirty or negative thoughts (pull weeds, prepare flower bed-fertilize and plant new buds or flowers). Once we are clean/clear (bodies and mind), we can focus and see or realize the beauty of what is inside and outside (clean windows).

Four (4) times a year clean or clear our minds and bodies to prepare for clear (positive) thoughts (fertilize and see those plants (thoughts) grow). Routinely, take an assessment of where you are and redirect your thoughts, if not on right thought (positive) path, change it (four times a year, start fresh).

I also realized over the years that these valuable lessons helped my family to form a togetherness that extends to our current families. We learned by working together we formed a team which offered support and encouragement.

I have grown to treasure the quality of life that my parents created for us and now in return I have hopefully taught and extended to my children.