

A Gathering
at The Peepul Centre
Orchardson Avenue, Leicester

on Sunday 15th April 2007 at 11am

*A different way of being together for an hour
to celebrate the value of each other and the world*

Today's theme is 'A World of Wonder'

Organised and led by Leicester Unitarian Fellowship



*Music: Chinese Harp
(Julie Chu Xiaomeng)*

Welcome and introduction

Lighting the chalice candle

*Song: 'A World of Wonder'
(S.H.Knight/C.H.H.Parry, No. 247 in 'Hymns for Living')*

*The sun at high noon, the stars in dark space,
The light of the moon on our upturned face,
The high clouds, The rain clouds, The lark song on high,
We gaze up in wonder above to the sky.*

*The green grassy blade, The grasshopper's sound,
The creatures of shade that live in the ground,
The dark soil, The moist soil, where plants spring to birth,
We look down at wonder below in the earth.*

*The glad joys that heal the tears in our eyes,
The longings we feel, The light of surprise,
Our night dreams, Our daydreams, Our thoughts ranging wide,
We live with a whole world of wonder inside.*

Short talk - 'Myths for a World of Wonder'

Meditation

Poem - 'Miracles' by Walt Whitman

*Whether I walk the streets of Manhattan,
Or dart my sight over the roofs of houses toward the sky,
Or wade with naked feet along the beach just in the edge of the water,
Or stand under trees in the woods,*

*Or talk by day with anyone I love, or sleep in the bed at night with anyone I love,
Or sit at table at dinner with the rest,
Or look at strangers opposite me riding in the car,
Or watch honey bees busy around the hive of a summer forenoon,
Or animals feeding in the fields,
Or birds, or the wonderfulness of insects in the air,
Or the wonderfulness of the sundown, or of stars shining so quiet and bright,
Or the exquisite delicate thin curve of the new moon in spring;
These with the rest, one and all, are to me miracles,
The whole referring, yet each distinct and in its place.
To me every hour of the light and dark is a miracle,
Every cubic inch of space is a miracle,
Every square yard of the surface of the earth is spread with the same,
Every foot of the interior swarms with the same.
To me the sea is a continual miracle,
The fishes that swim--the rocks--the motion of the waves--
The ships with the men in them,
What stranger miracles are there?*

*Song: 'Imagine
(John Lennon)*

*Imagine there's no Heaven , It's easy if you try,
No hell below us , Above us only sky,
Imagine all the people Living for today.*

*Imagine there's no Country, It isn't hard to do,
Nothing to kill or die for, And no religion too,
Imagine all the people, Living life in peace.*

*You may say I'm a dreamer, But I'm not the only one.
I hope someday you'll join us, And the world will be as one.*

*Imagine no possessions, I wonder if you can,
No need for greed or anger, It's time that we began,
Imagine all the people, Sharing all the world.*

*You may say I'm a dreamer, But I'm not the only one,
I hope someday you'll join us, And the world will live as one.*

Floating Petals on Water

‘May your life be full of wonder!’

Sharing: Thoughts, Readings, Poems

Notices

*Song: ‘May the Long-Time Sun Shine Upon You’
(Mike Heron - Incredible String Band)*

*May the long time sun shine upon you,
All love surround you,
And the pure light within you,
Guide your way home.*

Benediction

Music



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