



Sunday, October 20, 2024
***The Great Search: Turning to Earth and Soul in the Quest
for Healing and Home***

9 a.m. **Pre-Talk**
10 a.m. **Gathering**
10 a.m. **C3 Kids** with
Miss Mary and volunteer
Sally Alderink
11:00 a.m. **Talk Back**

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**Blue Team Hosts: Mark & Kathy
Smith, Tom Edwards & Annie
Wassmann, Cheryl Van Abbema**
**Blue Team Ushers: Kim Crozier,
Karen Frederiksen, Phil Leech, Beth
Buelow**
Welcome Table: Dick Kamischke
Next Week: Gold Team

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Next Week!
Teacher: Beth Buelow
Musicians: Stanley & Quiggle
Meditation: Karri Absenger
Gathering Host: Chrys Moelter-Gray
Kids' Volunteer: Patti Baldus



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*Guest Teacher: **John Phillip Newell** is a Celtic teacher and author of spirituality who calls the modern world to reawaken to the sacredness of Earth and every human being. Canadian by birth, and also a citizen of Scotland, he resides with his family in Edinburgh and works on both sides of the Atlantic. In 2016 he began the Earth & Soul initiative and teaches regularly in the United States and Canada. He has authored over 15 books, including The Great Search (August 2024), in which he looks at the great spiritual yearnings of humanity today in the context of the decline of religion as we have known it.*

*Musician: **Spencer LaJoye** (they/them) is an East Coast singer/songwriter from the Midwest making queer indie folk music for everyone. The 2021 Kerrville Songwriting Competition winner spins crystalline vocals through a loop pedal while strumming an acoustic guitar in charming, banter-heavy performances that keep audiences laughing one moment and weeping the next.*

Music: Spencer LaJoye
Gathering Host: Mary Ellen Mika
Music: Spencer LaJoye
Readings/Teaching: John Phillip Newell

We are living through a time of immense transition as old systems of authority and belief are questioned. A new vision of reality is trying to be born.

Religion as we have known it has failed to adequately address the most urgent challenges of humanity, including the threatened plight of Earth. ...That is why there is a quest of soul today for new depths of wisdom to guide us into wellbeing, both individually and together.

This time of spiritual exile in the Western world is a moment in which we are being invited to find relationship with Earth and one another in ways that surpass anything we have known. ... It can be a time too of liberation from the closed boundaries of nationhood or race or religion that have confined us in the past and separated us from one another.

-John Philip Newell, *The Great Search: Turning to Earth and Soul in the Quest for Healing and Home*

Meditation: Cami Twilling
Moment of Silence

Music: Spencer LaJoye
Gathering Host: Mary Ellen Mika
Music: Spencer LaJoye



But wait, there's more!

We have been very excited to host John Philip Newell and Cami Twilling this weekend! Stick around for a very special Talk Back today. There will be one more opportunity to spend time with JPN tomorrow when we record an episode of the C3 podcast with a studio audience. Register online at www.ticketstripe.com/C3westmichigan, then join us at our offices at 1447 Washington Ave at 10 a.m. for this special wrap-up event!

Life Church Moved to Second Reformed

Now that Life Church has found their new home, we might feel a bit like empty nesters here at C3—happy on their behalf, and grateful for some quieter times with each other. Shannon and Brad will work with Central Park Place over the next few weeks to assess our use options and costs.

C3 Community Celebration - November 3

Make plans now to attend the C3 Community Celebration on Sunday, November 3. We plan to celebrate the exciting changes at C3. You will have the chance to get plugged in to some of the great opportunities at C3. Talk Back will be replaced with the Annual Meeting and a Potluck.

Please note: If your last name begins with . . .

A - I: bring a main dish; **J - P:** bring a side dish; **Q - Z:** bring a dessert.

Table ware and beverages will be provided. It will be fun!

Week 3@C3 for October: Thanksgiving Baskets

Today is the last day to help Muskegon Rescue Mission fill 900 baskets for the annual Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway, which offers area residents a full Thanksgiving meal to make at home. Choose from the list at the Week 3@C3 table. Bring items by next Sunday, October 20. New to the list this year are mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves. Cash donations also welcome. Thank You! Your support matters and is greatly appreciated! It takes a lot of time, energy, and money to produce all the great things that happen at C3. Whether it is our Sunday Gatherings or working within our West Michigan communities, we strive to make a difference, with compassion. Your financial support allows us to continue to learn, teach and live our values to heal and effect change.

Do You Have Any Old Photos of C3 (Christ Community Church)?

We're trying to collect historical photos of C3/Christ Community Church to be used for the Community Celebration on November 3. Photos in digital format are preferred, and can be sent to Brad@c3westmichigan.org. If you need us to scan your hard copy, please call or text 616-842-1985, or email smcmaster@c3westmichigan.org.

Sunday Dinner Group

Sign up at the Welcome table to go to Ted's at 5:30 p.m.

C3 Men's Club

This men's conversation group meets each Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room B at St. John's Episcopal Church. Call Phil Koster, 616-492-1751 with questions.

Vigil for Peace and Justice

Join us Saturdays from noon to 1 p.m. along Washington Avenue at Central Park.

Women's Journey

Our next meeting is Monday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m. at The Bookman.

C3 Book Club and Friends

C3 and Friends Book Club will meet at the Bookman at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19, at the Bookman to discuss *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor.

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Community Care and Concern

Contact: **Cheryl Van Abbema, 616-402-3108; Mike and Charlotte Rozich, 517-918-5483 or 517-918-5464.**

Our beloved long-time member **Connie Farell** died peacefully on Friday evening, October 4. Arrangements will be by Klassen Funeral Home and Connie's sons.

The Tosas thank you for your support. Son Michael was released from the hospital September 20 and is at home in Busselton, AU, getting used to normal life again and gaining strength, on his way to further recovery. Kathy and Tom will travel to see him in December.