



Sunday, May 18, 2025

Sacred Earth
Week 6: It's a Matter of Attention

9 a.m. **Pretalk**
10 a.m. **Gathering**
10 a.m. **C3 Kids** with
Miss Mary and volunteer
Julia Davey
11:00 a.m. **Community Meeting**

Blue Team Hosts:
Cheryl Van Abbema,
Mark & Kathy Smith,
Tom Edwards & Annie Wassmann
Blue Team Ushers: **Kim Crozier,**
Beth Buelow, Karen Cotton
Welcome Table: **Marian Mulette**
Next Week: **Gold Team**

C3 Board of Trustees:
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Next Week –
Teacher: **Brad Ruggles**
Music: **Whorled**
Gathering Host: **Nelleke Knarr**
Meditation: **Wayne Johnson**
Kids' Volunteer: **Patti Baldus**
Setup Volunteer: **Brad Ruggles**



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Guest Teacher: **Kent Dobson** is a wilderness guide, podcaster and author. He worked for the church as a pastor, and at C3 as the lead teacher. He cares about questions of the Soul, the mystery of the Divine, and about a culture more connected to the Sacred.

Musician: **Josh Rose**, teacher and song craftsman, has spent the past ten years touring the Midwest, teaching, writing, and creating a rich body of work. He is the type of writer who labors over every word and wants his song to be injected into the listener's permanent being. His works are plucked from the air, like lightning bugs destined for an old Mason jar, polished like the ancient stones in the Flat River

Music: **Josh Rose**
Gathering Host: **Rod Van Abbema**
Music: **Josh Rose**
Meditation: **Gordy Alderink**

Moment of Silence
Reading/Teaching: **Kent Dobson**

The Second Music

Now I understand that there are two melodies playing,
one below the other, one easier to hear, the other

lower, steady, perhaps more faithful for being less heard
yet always present.

When all other things seem lively and real,
this one fades. Yet the notes of it

touch as gently as fingertips, as the sound
of the names laid over each child at birth.

I want to stay in that music without striving or cover.
If the truth of our lives is what it is playing,

the telling is so soft
that this mortal time, this irrevocable change,

becomes beautiful. I stop and stop again
to hear the second music.

I hear the children in the yard, a train, then birds.
All this is in it and will be gone. I set my ear to it as I would to a heart.

-Annie Lighthart, *Iron String*

Music: **Josh Rose**
Gathering Host: **Rod Van Abbema**
Music: **Josh Rose**



Today After Gathering Location Update and Community Meeting

The landlord's counteroffer to our lease proposal was extensive and shifted many expenses back onto us. After thoughtful deliberation, the Board of Trustees has decided to end pursuit of the 1045 Columbus property, concluding that the gap between our needs and the landlord's terms is simply too great. While this outcome is disappointing, it allows us to redirect our time and energy toward finding a more sustainable solution for our Gathering and ongoing operations. Please join us for the Community Meeting today (in lieu of TalkBack) to hear more about this decision and what comes next.

– Shannon McMaster, Executive Director

Counting Team Needs a New Member

This involves working with one other person every fifth week for about 15-20 minutes after Sunday Gathering, starting the first week of July. Please see Lana Brock.

Week 3@C3: Humanity for Prisoners

Today is the last day to donate to Humanity for Prisoners (HFP). HFP is a local nonprofit located in Spring Lake, whose motto is Action with Compassion. HFP states, "We offer one-on-one guidance and compassionate support to people in prison." Find more information about HFP on the Week 3@C3 table in the back of the room or on their website, www.humanityforprisoners.org.

Congratulations, Plant Up and Fly Right Environmentalists!

We are up to 58 trees so far. Thank you so much! We will be accepting donations until May 25 in honor of loved ones for Memorial Day. See the Outreach Table after the Gathering on Sunday. Your check, made out to C3, with "Plant Up," your email address and honoree's name on the memo line, will allow us to tell you where your tree is eventually planted.

Volunteer at the Grand Haven Pride Festival

This is a great opportunity to support the broader festival (separate from our C3 booth), connect with the community, and enjoy a fun, inclusive atmosphere. You'll meet lots of great people while helping out in a way that fits your schedule. The committee is especially looking for volunteers to work in the Kids Zone. Visit the Grand Haven Pride website (<https://ghpride.org/volunteer/>) to choose an activity and time that works for you.

Check Out Our New Member Directory!

After years with Wild Apricot, we have transitioned to a new member directory service, Member Planet. We expect a few hiccups, so please feel free to reach out to Shannon (smcmaster@c3westmichigan.org) with questions.

Cardboard Chaos: Join the C3 Flotation Nation!

Start saving strong pieces of cardboard! We're (questionably) racing in the Grand Haven Cardboard Boat Race on Saturday, July 26, at 1:30 p.m. Armed with duct tape, cardboard, and zero nautical wisdom, we need bold folks to help build or pilot our (soggy?) masterpiece. Want in? Email brad@c3westmichigan.org

Sunday Supper Group

Sunday Supper Group will meet at Ted's in Spring Lake Sunday night at 5:30 pm. Sign up at the welcome table. Everyone is invited.

Women's Journey

Our next meeting will be held at a different location and is a week early due to Memorial Day. Meet with us tomorrow, Monday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m., at 815 Ver Hoeks Street in Grand Haven. Wear paint clothes! We will be doing some artwork with inks. All C3 women are invited.

C3 Men's Group

The C3 Men meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Choir Room at St. John's Episcopal Church. For questions, call Phil Koster at 616-402-1751.

Join the Vigil for Peace and Justice

Bring a sign (or borrow one of ours and stand with us to support the rights, freedoms, and dignity of all people, every Saturday, noon to 1 p.m. on Washington Avenue at Central Park.

C3 Book Club and Friends

We will meet at The Bookman at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, to choose our reading list for next year. Bring two or three suggestions and a small appetizer to share. Questions? Ask Kathy Tosa (616-510-1250) - katherine.tosa@gmail.com

Mindful Living Group

The next session of the Mindful Living Group is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., but please note that the location has been changed for this month to the Spring Lake District Library.

Community Care and Concern

Contact: Cheryl Van Abbema,
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