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Growing Our Souls: A Collective Calling
In a world that often demands efficiency, performance, and results, we can forget that the deepest calling of our lives is not to be perfect, productive, or even successful. The deepest calling — both personally and communally — is to grow our souls.

This is not a metaphor...
It is an invitation into transformational living — a life that draws us into a deeper relationship with God through the animating power of Spirit (whom we also call Sophia, Wisdom). To grow the soul is to allow God to become the central shaping force of our lives — not only in what we believe (i.e., give intellectual assent to), but in how we live, move, relate, and perceive.



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And if this is true individually, it is also true collectively.

Spirituality is not about attainment and achievement. God can never be possessed or coerced. God is not “known” by our intellect. Rather, God must be encountered. God must be experienced. God is relational and invites us to live in such a way that we enter into the intimacy of the relationship modeled by Jesus.



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God's work. Our hands.

In other words, spirituality is a way of life — a lifestyle rooted not in certitude, but in sincerity; not in performance, but in presence. The starting point is not action but awareness. It asks us to quiet the voices of ego, of fear, and of striving so that we may hear the deeper voice within — the voice of Spirit calling us to become more whole, more human, more attuned to the Divine presence in our lives. This is the work of the soul. And this is holy work.

And such work begins with us — with the individual soul that dares to turn inward, dares to be still, dares to ask real questions: What matters? Who am I, truly? What do I fear? Where is God in this moment? But it doesn't end there.

Soul-making always returns us to community. The fruits of the soul's growth — humility, peace, compassion, courage, joy — are meant not just for our personal benefit but for the blessing of the world. We are called to grow our souls so that we can become conduits of God's love in the world.

So, what does it mean for us as a congregation?

It means we are not simply a community that believes in God. We are a community that is learning to live from God and through God. We are not here to simply maintain an institution. We are here to become the Body of Christ in the world — to awaken to the Spirit within, to be formed by the rhythm of prayer, and to be open to one another in vulnerability and grace.

It means we prioritize practices that foster transformation — prayer, silence, storytelling, shared meals, sacred listening, and the sacraments that ground us in our deeper Reality of being children of God. It means we open ourselves to change — letting go of our false identities, our illusions of control, and our inherited assumptions about who God is and how God acts. It means we embrace Life itself and become a community that serves as a sanctuary for transformation.

So, what would this look like for us — together — as we seek to become a soul-growing community?

What if every gathering, every meeting, every worship service was not about what we accomplish but about how we become?

What if we learn to see our lives and selves not as problems that need to be solved or forgiven but rather as a communal journey of souls who are in the sacred process of becoming?

What if we measure vitality not by numbers but by depth of being?

My hope and prayer is that we continue to say yes — both individually and collectively — to the slow, beautiful, and often unseen work of growing our souls. Because when we do this, heaven touches earth and we and our world are made new.

We ask you to keep the following siblings in Christ in your prayers:

Niki Grigsby
Patty Gurka
Phil Pesko
Jack Schwab

Annie Slaughter
Mardell Weiss
Clara Wilcox



If you wish to send any cards, please send them, or drop them off, to the church office, and we will be sure to deliver them.



19th Dave & Edith Schatt

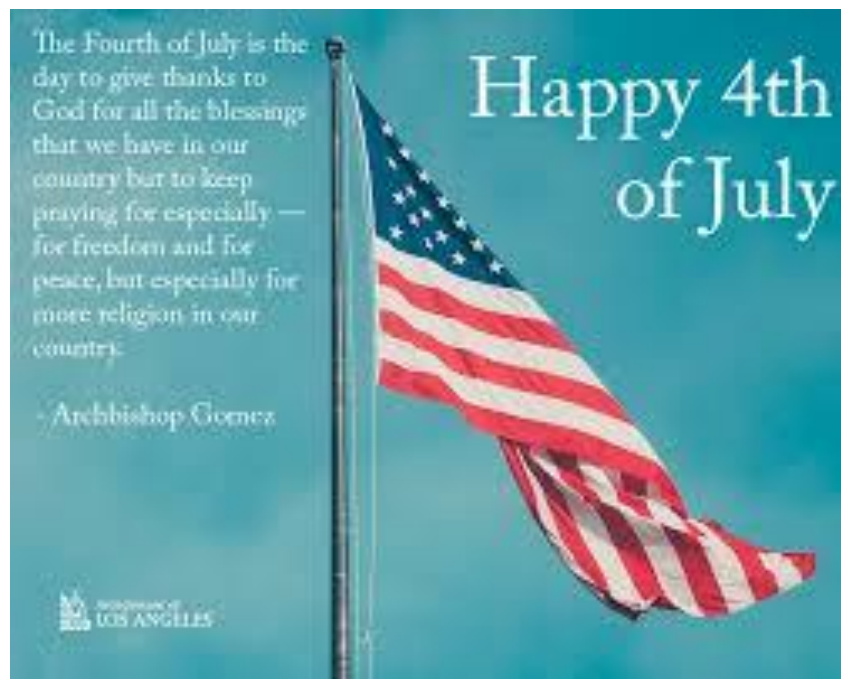
22nd Bill Weidman
28th Alan Siggelkow



The Monday Discussion Group



Monday discussion group will be taking a summer break due to busyness of regular participants. They will make the decision about the dates. Any one wishing to join our study of the book of Isaiah can email ngress@sbcglobal.net.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 AA @ 7pm	2	3 AA @ 8 pm	4 Independence Day	5
6 WORSHIP @11 AM	7	8 AA @ 7pm	9	10 AA @ 8 pm	11	12
13 WORSHIP @11 AM	14	15 AA @ 7pm	16	17 AA @ 8 pm	18	19
20 WORSHIP @11 AM	21	22 AA @ 7pm	23	24 AA @ 8 pm	25	26
27 WORSHIP @11 AM	28	29 AA @ 7pm	30	31 AA @ 8 pm		