



UNITED ADORATION

Multi-Art Retreat Halifax - Saturday 25th May, 2024

08:30 - 09:00	Breakfast & Conversation
09:00 - 09:30	Worship & Introductions
09:30 - 10:30	Pilgrimage: Come As You Are
10:30 - 11.15	Creative Space #1
11:15 - 11:30	Tea & Coffee Time
11:30 - 12:15	Pilgrim Songwriting
12:15 - 13:00	Creative Space #2
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch & Conversation
14:00 - 14:50	Collective Artwork
14:50 - 15:50	Creative Space #3
15:50 - 16:00	Tea & Coffee Time
16:00 - 17:00	Art Share & Reflection
17:00	What's next / Blessing / Farewell



The UA Prayer

Lord, we have come together in this sacred space to tell of Your wonder and beauty through what we create.

Please forgive us for any way that we have buried or misused the gifts You have given us. Today we choose to forgive those who have rejected our creative spirit. We ask that You would heal and strengthen us, so that we may join with You in building up this creative community.

May what we create be built on the foundation of Your Word, anointed by Your Holy Spirit, and presented as a pure offering of worship for Your glory. Be present with us now as we unite our hearts, create with one another, and adore You above all else. Amen.

Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIV, UK) - Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

To Be A Pilgrim

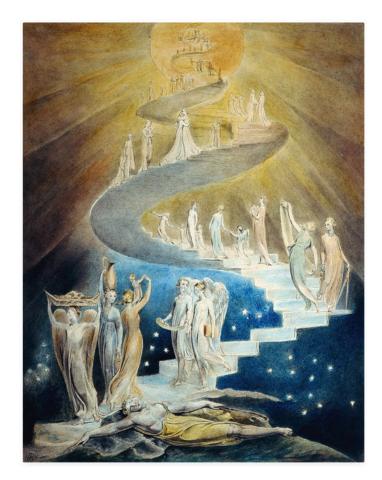
- 1. He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster, let him in constancy follow the Master.
 There's no discouragement shall make him once relent his first avowed intent to be a pilgrim
- 2. Who so beset him round with dismal stories do but themselves confound his strength the more is. No foes shall stay his might; though he with giants fight, he will make good his right to be a pilgrim.
- 3. Since, Lord, thou dost defend us with thy Spirit, we know we at the end, shall life inherit.
 Then fancies flee away!
 I'll fear not what men say,
 I'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim.

Translated by Percy Dearmer (1906)

Genesis 28:20-21 (NIV) - Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear so that I return safely to my father's household, then the Lord will be my God and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth."

Artwork:

Jacob's Ladder, 1805 by William Blake







Grigory Mikheev. Exodus. acrylic, oil on canvas, 82x95, 2000

Exodus 33: 12-14 (NIV) - Moses said to the Lord, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.' If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people." The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Psalm 121 (NIV)

I lift up my eyes to the mountains where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord watches over you the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Isaiah 40:28–31 (ESV) - Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.



"The Pilgrimage to Canterbury" by Thomas Stothard (1755-1834)

John 14:1-7 (NIV)

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

Psalm 119:105 (1 Nun)

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.



"Lighted Path" by Rhonda Logan Bailey

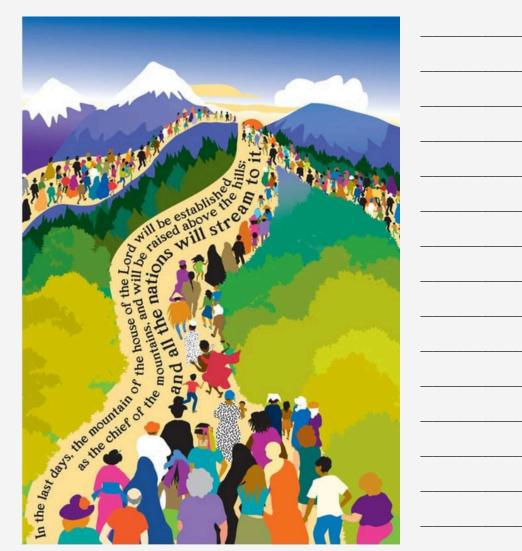
I Walk A Lonely Pilgrim Here

Louisa J. Beach (1850)

1. I walk a lonely pilgrim here,
O'er life's uneven way;
My aching heart keeps hoping, for
A bright and better day;
A glorious home, a goodly land,
The blessèd, heavenly rest;
And well I know that land is near,
The home of all who're blest.

2.I walk alone, and oft am sad, And fall the briny tears; My heart is grieved with trials sore, And pressed with many cares. The better land no sorrow knows— There, hushed is every sigh; The Savior's hand in kindness wipes The tear-drop from each eye. 3. I walk alone, and yet am glad,
The blessèd promise's given,
To cheer the heart—the lowly one,
Towards that promised Heaven.
The humble path my Savior walked,
I scorn it not to tread;
The frowns and scoffs my Savior bore
May fall upon my head.

4. I stand upon His precious word, My soul rejoiceth free, The glorious light the Gospel gives, Is light that shines for me. I'll suffer now, I'll triumph then; I'll die for Jesus here, In that bright world I'll live again, A conqueror's crown to wear.



The Mountain Print (Isaiah 2:2) by Bonnie Liefer

1 Peter 2:9-11

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.

A prayer 'For those who travel'

The Book Of Common Prayer (2019)
O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Pilgrimage Prayer - St. Cuthbert's Way Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York	Bring your peace and justice to our world and guide by your Spirit the communities of the North.				
Everliving God, be our companion on the road and show us the path of life eternal. May all our journeys converge upon the journey home to you, and all our longings find their rest in your unchanging grace.	Kindle in your Church the faith of Cuthbert, Aidan, Hilda and all the northern saints, that with simplicity, humility, and courage we may follow in their way, finding it none other than the way of Christ, in whose precious name we make this prayer Amen.				



Pilgrim's Badge with Sun with human face, French 15th century



"The Way" by Hamish Horsley, 1990

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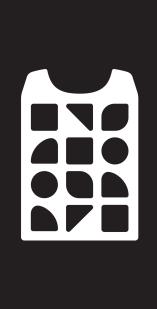
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