

Worship Committee February 18, 2022

Present: John Sampson, Linda Bogardus, Bernie Webb, Susie Allen, Ellen DuBois, Anne Hurd, Annie Scavo

During the Celtic service the KVCC's traditional cross was switched out for the Brigid cross. The new cross was very well-received, and many thanks go to Barbara Merle-Smith for making it.

Someone asked about the Creation Justice scroll and whether it could be displayed somewhere. Various options were discussed; ultimately, the entrance coat-room seemed the best choice. The scroll could replace the painting there, which some feel is dated and not representative of who we are now. No decision was made.

During the Celtic service the time for prayer was changed. Instead of John gathering all the prayers and offering them up at the end on behalf of the community, the congregation repeated a phrase after each person had spoken. A couple of the committee members found this to be more meaningful and in the moment. Others felt that John's offering is important, as though the prayers are going to a higher level. Also, John's offering makes it possible for everyone to hear any prayers that were not enunciated well. John will give a lesson in using the microphone, hoping to address this.

Someone asked whether we might consider singing the Lord's Prayer, rather than reciting it. Susie said that she has one version of a sung Lord's Prayer and would look for others. Anne sang a version that she was familiar with and said that it is not necessary to sing the entire prayer. John responded that he needed to think about this idea. The congregation would need time to get used to this change, and he fears that we would be taken out of the moment by people's rustling pages or needing to stop and look for the music to sing.

John said that during Lent he would use the spoken phrase after each prayer, as in the Celtic service. The change need not be permanent. One member felt that the Brigid woven cross represents our interconnectedness and that saying the phrase after each prayer is a way for the congregation to affirm that we are responsible for each other.

John wants to bring back the offertory, the literal passing of the plate. One reason is financial. But John is conflicted and unsure how he feels about this, because he feels that the offertory takes him out of what is happening during worship. But the offertory is a practical matter.

John reminded us that he is going on sabbatical from this September to mid-January 2023. A committee has been formed, and John asked for a representative from the Worship Committee to be the liaison. Bernie Webb agreed to serve.

Two dates in May have been set for World Meditation Day, which will come out of the KVCC Centering Prayer group.

The Worship Committee's next meeting will be **March 4, from 10 a.m. to noon**, to discuss Easter.