



THE CELEBRATION SERVICE, FEBRUARY 15, 2015

Invocation

We join together to celebrate the splendor of God’s love—cherishing all life, honoring all paths, rejoicing in the sacred dance of All That Is. Living in the power of all-embracing love, we affirm our community and acknowledge the Divine nature of our humanity.

Order of Service

Greeter	Judy Stevens
Welcome & Invocation (Host)	Jeff Hood
Greeting One Another	
Announcements	David Raymer
Group Song	
Statement and Silence	Host
Inspirational Reading	Susan Straight
Special Music	Gary Paul Hermus
Meditation	Cynthia Hinkley
The Celebration Prayer	
Speaker	Max Highstein
Special Music	Gary Paul Hermus
Welcoming Visitors	Host
Celebration Cares	TBA
Personal Sharing	Host
Offering of Tithes	
Candlelight Communion	

Offering Affirmation:

God’s blessings abound in my life, and I am free to live and give and receive abundantly.



◆ Assistance with set up and clean up is always appreciated before and after the service!

◆ Please leave your Gazette on the table as you leave for recycling.

Thank You!



Today’s Speaker: Max Highstein

Shift Happens

Upcoming Feb. 22: Robert ‘Mudman’ Johnson

Expect the Unexpected

Upcoming Special Music:

Feb. 22: Lisa Carman

March 1: TBA

March 8: Chris Chickering

March 15: Shelley Campbell

About This Week’s Speaker

Max is a music composer, author, and spiritual counselor; and he plays bass guitar in the Celebration band. Max’s music CDs have been played on radio stations all over the US, and are popular today in health settings all over the world. His more than 70 award-winning programs and courses on personal growth and spirituality—including the best seller, “The Healing Waterfall”—have touched the lives of thousands of people. In his counseling sessions and groups he helps clients let go of the past, release emotional blocks, and make a deep, lasting connection to their higher heart.. www.maxhighstein.com; www.thehealingwaterfall.com

About Next Week’s Speaker

Robert ‘Mudman’ Johnson has worked for 25 years counseling primarily children, as well as some adults, from a developmental humanistic perspective. He is also an eco-artist working in Earth in a community collaborative way until the Santa Fe schools did something unethical and cruel with very toxic chemicals causing him to have a severe traumatic brain injury, from which he has been healing for the past five years. He will talk about what he has learned from this experience and what we need to do

Council Will Meet Today at 2pm

at Joan Sotkins’ house, 2581 Camino San Patricio, at 2:00pm. Jeff Hood will facilitate. Agenda items include:

- Financial Report.....Ellen
- Sound Equipment Report.....David
- Songbooks..... David or Dianne
- Proposal to do something to mark our 24th anniversary on March 29.
- Discussion about word change for Invocation.....Jeff.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend and have input on these matters.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

► **Max Highstein** now offers Celebrants his intuitive spiritual counseling work as a gift, at no charge. In sessions he helps clients identify and release inner blocks, and connect more deeply with their own higher guidance. Max has MA degrees in both counseling and spiritual psychology; and intuitive gifts of insight and healing cultivated over decades. Learn more at www.maxhighstein.com. Call to schedule appointment, 466-1055. All Celebrants welcome.

If you know of an activity or event that may be of interest to our community, contact gazette@thecelebration.org

Ongoing Call for Speakers

Would you enjoy sharing your path in a twenty minute talk or know someone who would be? We are especially interested in the stories of individual journeys of self knowledge and spiritual unfoldment and invite you to consider sharing yours. If you are interested or know someone who may be, please contact Dianne Deloren at gazette@thecelebration.org

CYBER CONNECTIONS

- Patti Blair's** website is www.OneHeartArtworks.com
- Nicolaas Bollen** shares his philosophy on his Facebook page, Perfect Universal Dialogue.
- Sharon Cheney** writes and sends out a free monthly news-letter. To request it, www.sharoncheney.com
- Virginia Gilstrap's** blog about her work as a hospice nurse: vcgilstrap.wordpress.com
- Bernard Gross's website:** www.nomoreteachers.com
- Max Highstein's** website: www.maxhighstein.com; his guided meditations at www.thehealingwaterfall.com.
- Kathleen Hill's** website: www.taprootcounseling.com
- Jeff Hood's** website is www.adventuresinspirit.com
- Kate Marks'** website is www.harmonicjourneys.com
- Nancy Moon's** website is www.nancyblairmoon.com
- Kathleen Nagy's** website is www.thesoundlady.com
- Bill O'Donnell's** YouTube channel is <https://youtube.com/sfisnm>; many videos posted there
- Ronda's** amazon site is www.helpmerondathings.com
- Joan Sotkin's** podcasts: www.prosperityplace.com
- Ellen Shapiro's** 2 blogs: www.solopreneurwoman.com and www.heartsabode.blogspot.com
- Tairifa's** website is www.wideenergywingspan.com

Committed Council Members Jan. - June 2015

- Dianne Deloren
- Sheryl Glasser
- Dottie Hill
- Jeff Hood
- Kay Navrat
- David Raymer
- Elsie Rippel
- Joan Sotkin

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If you have any issues or concerns, or wish to add something to the Council agenda, contact one of these council members.

Some Thoughts on Making Change

(Submitted by Nicolaas Bollen)

"The Celebration proclaims that it honors all paths. Our current invocation does not honor all paths because we use the word "God" in it. After much discussion, your Council proposes to change the word "God's love" to "our love" so that we make it clear that we are inclusive to all. Here's why.

If we replaced the word "God" with "Allah" that would offend many of us because it relates too specifically to one religion. This points out the problem within our current invocation.

Three monotheistic faiths - Judaism, Christianity and Islam - emphasize a covenant with one God, Allah or Moses. Non-deist or polytheistic beliefs such as Hinduism, Buddhism, Atheism, Paganism, many Native American religions and ALL-ONE-NISM are not represented by the word "God" in our invocation.

Let's change our invocation to welcome all beliefs so we live our expressed purpose. Come to the Council meeting February 15 if you'd like to participate in the discussion."

How YOU Can Participate in the Service

If you would like to participate in the service by conducting a meditation, a reading, being a speaker, or performing special music, please contact the coordinators: MEDITATION: Elsie Rippel, elsie.rippel@yahoo.com, Ph. 424-1302

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Often our true path is not the apparently safe one - but if we examine the "safe" path, it leads only to deadness and limitation. The only real safety lies in being true to our own self. If you were to allow your authentic self to come forth, what would you be doing differently?" -Alan Cohen

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