

Celebrating the Journey



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And for what will be – this we entrust to the Spirit’

**Beyond the Spirituality Revolution
LSN’s Final Gathering
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Lumen United Reformed Church
88 Tavistock Place
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Introducing the journey

Diane Reynolds

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Violin

Teresa Brown

'Backwards to the future'

Paddy Lane-Clifford

We row backwards,
only seeing where we have been –
the wake of our passage,
the rings in the water,
the small splashes of the oars –
not seeing where we are going,
simply pulling as we are pulled,
trusting our direction, destination,
and unable to look without losing
rhythm, speed, grace;
while those with us,
with their own dreams,
join in the drag and drip of oars,
sharing the journey.

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(pause) - **Violin**

'Song for a journey' ALL - tune: Servant Song

God, who shares my journey with me,
Draws me pictures on the sand,
Tells me stories, sets me dancing,
Take my spirit in your hand.

Shake me out of dull religion
Leaving forms and fears behind
Give me trust to travel freely,
Spirit- searching unconfined.

When I walk the way of sadness,
When I struggle on through loss,
Keep me searching, hoping, seeing
Life, as you do, through the cross.

When my path is bathed in sunshine,
Colours glowing wild and bright,
Weave the threads of joy around me
In a web of pure delight.

God I'll share your journey with you,
Draw you pictures in the sand,
Tell you stories, dancing with you.
Grasping you with heart and hand.

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The Gospel of John: Ch. 3 v 7-8 (The New Jerusalem Bible)

Gethin Abraham-Williams

'Do not be surprised when I say:
You must be born from above.
The wind blows where it pleases; / ...

You can hear its sound,
But you cannot tell where it comes from
Or where it is going.
So it is with everyone who is born of the spirit.'

(pause) **Violin**

'The Map'

Margaret Horner

Imagine
from the contours
the way the land lies:
so.

And the path's turn
and the way's rise
and the burn here
and the loch there,
and the crag
and the scree
and they all say :
Go.

You cannot
live on the map,
only on the land
where the heart beats,
and the chest heaves
and the stone hurts
and the waters' flow
goes on through the mind
when you stop
to see where
you've been.

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Invitation to the journey ...

Diane Reynolds

You are now invited to begin this journey together as pilgrims in this Holy place – ‘Lumen’ – the place of Light. As we journey in this sacred space – we will travel in silence with our thoughts, our thanks and our dreams and as we entrust the future to the Spirit, we are already taking the first steps towards the beginning of a new journey

(Please feel free to remain in your seat if you prefer)

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Violin

(When everyone is gathered back at their place with their light we stand to sing)

Taize chant **ALL** *repeated.*

Come and fill our hearts with your peace

You alone O Lord are Holy

Come and fill our hearts with your peace ... Alleluia

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Closing prayers: *(seated)*

ALL: God of surprises, you call us –

Win Kennedy

from the narrowness of our traditions, to new ways of being church;
from the captives of our culture, to creative witness for justice;
from the smallness of our horizons, to the bigness of your vision.

**ALL: CLEAR THE WAY IN US, YOUR PEOPLE,
THAT WE MIGHT CALL OTHERS TO FREEDOM
AND RENEWED FAITH**

Jesus, wounded healer, you call us –

Paul Golightly

from preoccupation with our own histories and hurts,
to daily tasks of peace-making;
from privilege to pilgrimage;
from insularity to inclusive community.

**ALL: CLEAR THE WAY IN US, YOUR PEOPLE,
THAT WE MIGHT CALL OTHERS TO WHOLENESS
AND INTEGRITY.**

Holy, transforming Spirit, you call us –

Ali Newell

from fear to faithfulness;
from clutter to clarity;
from a desire to control to deeper trust;
from the refusal to love to the readiness to risk

**ALL: CLEAR THE WAY IN US, YOUR PEOPLE,
THAT WE MIGHT KNOW THE BEAUTY AND POWER
AND DANGER OF THE GOSPEL.**

The Blessing: (ALL stand) we all look around us and to each other as we sing:

May God bless and keep you,

May God's face shine on you:

May God be kind to you and give you peace. (4 X times)

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(solo)

+ Left side of church

+ Right side of church

(solo)

Pause:

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Violin – joyful sending.

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