



# continuing the journey of transforming grace:

transforming care

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## *Opening Song:*

Circle Me, Lord, Keith Duke

## *Opening Prayer*

Kathy Schaaf, *From Women, Spirituality and Transformative Leadership* (13-16, excerpts)

Some Things I Know to Be True  
There is something here  
that feels like  
a lovely gravity,  
And it is pulling me down.

Into alignment,  
into resonance,  
into a pattern,  
whose complexity  
I cannot grasp  
except in moments,  
in lovely  
holographic  
bits.

We must not merely survive,  
but learn to celebrate  
the paradox,  
the Both,  
and the And,  
as it shows up moment to moment.

Another paradox:  
Each of us is profoundly important  
yet I have no meaning  
outside the context of the Whole.

Each of us is called to be  
big  
bold  
bountiful  
bodacious  
as smart as we can be  
and only when we rise up  
our Fullest Self  
can we fully surrender to the Whole.

There will be many conversations.  
There will be resonant conversations,  
fully wired with joy and recognition,  
and there will be challenging conversations.  
There will be times  
when fear jumps into the electrical flow  
and shorts the entire system  
for a moment.

And finally, there will be grace  
wide rivers of it  
flowing silver and turquoise,  
glistening in the light.  
The trick is  
to trust the rivers.  
I have to trust my bones,  
and the story written there  
and all the stories.

## *Scripture*

Matthew 28:20

“And behold, I am with you always”



## *Listen and Reflect*

What's driving partisan divide and what might be done to reverse it: PBS Newshour

## *Questions for Reflection and Dialogue*

Dwell in the silent invitation of grace.

Where have you experienced the partisan divide in your interactions and relationships this week? In dialogue with another, explore 'vicarious contact' as a way to stretch across the divide.

Identify one or more value that might cross the political divide and allow people of difference to be present with one another

## *Closing Prayer*

Vaclav Havel

“Hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well. It is the certainty that something is worth doing no matter how it turns out.”

## *Closing Song*

Goodness of God: CeCeWinans