



Finding God When the Signposts Fail – Yearning as Path *an online retreat with Tony and Charmaine Chvala-Smith*

For those seeking a deeper life with God there are times, often long stretches on the spiritual journey, where things don't make sense; where the practices or answers of the past seem thin or ineffective. Or perhaps spirituality seems too concrete a word for the lingering hunger, sown in us by youthful or distant "God-experiences", to explore our longing for the One who knows us and longs to be known.

For all of us these are times when we enter new spiritual territory and discover we can't read the terrain. The signposts stand mute or may even lead us astray. All we seem left with is a yearning.

Saturday, June 13 (Mountain Standard Time zone)

- 9:00 am Gathering and Opening Worship
- 10:00 am Session 1: When Signposts Fail: Describing the inner terrain (Learning to Lament: Praying the Psalms)
- 10:50 am Break
- 11:00 am Session 2: Meandering Through the Wilderness: Recognizing God in retrospect (Lectio Divina – Road to Emmaus)
- Noon – 2:00 Lunch and Journaling Exercise – Where have yearnings for God/Christ/Spirit been surfacing?
- 2:00 pm Session 3: The Darkness of Faith: Light and dark as partners (Guided meditation)
- 3:00 pm Session 4: Oases in the Desert: Planning pauses on the path

Sunday, June 14

- 10:30 am Morning Worship "You are Your Own Path"

We recommend attendees have the following:

- Reliable internet connection
- Headphones or earbuds
- Journal
- Candle
- Quiet space separate from the rest of your household

Please contact Lisa Neudorf (lisa@communityofchrist.ca) if you need assistance or have questions.