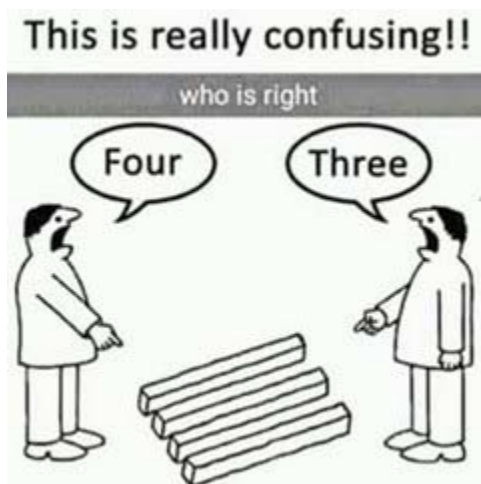


**Centering Quotation:** “Of course we can always imagine more perfect conditions, how it should be ideally, how everyone should behave. But it is not our task to create an ideal. It’s our task to see how it is and to learn from the world as it is.”

Ajahn Sumedho



**Service Title: Reflections on Yom Kippur: Embracing the Possibility of Reconciliation**

Last Thursday was the Jewish high holiday of Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement). We take the opportunity to reflect on repentance and reconciliation.

**Preacher:** Tony Filipovitch

**Support for Service:** Rev. Rita Capezzi, Worship Associate  
Treselia Greiner, Technology Assistant

**We Gather**

- **Pre-Service Music:** “[Kol Nidrei for Cello and Orchestra](#),” Max Bruck, Op. 47
- **Still to Come...After Worship** (Standard music with slide)
- **Announcements** (Standard music with slide)
- **Song:** “[Like a Bird on a Wire](#)” by Leonard Cohen
- **Welcome** (Rev. Capezzi)
- **Special Announcements**

**We Center Ourselves**

- **Chalice Lighting** (Rev. Capezzi)
- **Reading:** “First Inaugural Address” Thomas Jefferson (Tony Filipovitch)  
Thomas Jefferson was a complicated man. It has been said of him that his words captured the finest ideals of the nation, even if his actions didn’t always live up to them. These words are from his “First Inaugural Address”
- **Story:** *The Giving Tree*, Shel Silverstein (Macey Forsyth)

### We Build Community

- **Giving** (Standard slide with music)
- **Meditation:** Buddhist meditation on Loving Kindness (Rev. Capezzi)
  - May you be well, happy and peaceful. May no harm come to you. May no difficulties come to you. May you meet with success.
  - May your family and friends be well, happy and peaceful. May no harm come to them. May no difficulties come to them. May they meet with success.
  - May all the people in the community around you be well, happy and peaceful. May no harm come to them. May no difficulties come to them. May they meet with success.
  - May your enemies be well, happy and peaceful. May no harm come to them. May no difficulties come to them. May they meet with success.
  - May the whole world be well, happy and peaceful. May no harm come to them. May no difficulties come to them. May they meet with success.
- **Bell Chime**
- **Sorrows and Joys** (Rev. Capezzi)
- **Sung Response** (Standard music with slide)

### We Take a Deeper Dive

- **Homily:** Reflections on Yom Kippur, Embracing the Possibility of Reconciliation (Tony Filipovitch)
- **Final Reading:** Walt Whitman, Preface to *Leaves of Grass* (Tony Filipovitch)
- **Hymn #1074** "Turn the World Around"

### We Move Into the Larger World

- **Chalice Extinguishing** (Rev. Capezzi)
- **Singing Benediction** (Standard music with slide)
- **Congregational Greeting** (with "Cooking Bulgar(s)" by Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band playing)
- **Break Out Rooms**

## Supporting materials:

### Music:

- “Cooking Bulgar(s)” from *Agada* by Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band
- “[Like a Bird on a Wire](#)” Leonard Cohen
- #1074 “Turn the World Around” (our choir sings this one)
- “[Kol Nidrei for Cello and Orchestra](#),” Max Bruck, Op. 47

### Readings

- “During the contest of opinion through which we have past, the animation of discussions and of exertions has sometimes worn an aspect which might impose on strangers unused to think freely, and to speak and to write what they think; but this being now decided by the voice of the nation, announced according to the rules of the constitution all will of course arrange themselves under the will of the law, and unite in common efforts for the common good. All too will bear in mind this sacred principle, that though the will of the majority is in all cases to prevail, that will, to be rightful, must be reasonable; that the minority possess their equal rights, which equal laws must protect, and to violate would be oppression. Let us then, fellow citizens, unite with one heart and one mind, let us restore to social intercourse that harmony and affection without which liberty, and even life itself, are but dreary things. And let us reflect that having banished from our land that religious intolerance under which mankind so long bled and suffered, we have yet gained little if we countenance a political intolerance, as despotic, as wicked, and capable of as bitter and bloody persecutions. ... (B)ut every difference of opinion is not a difference of principle. We have called by different names brethren of the same principle. We are all republicans: we are all federalists. .... Sometimes it is said that man cannot be trusted with the government of himself. Can he then be trusted with the government of others? Or have we found angels, in the form of kings, to govern him? Let history answer this question.

Let us then, with courage and confidence, pursue our own federal and republican principles; our attachment to union and representative government.

Thomas Jefferson, “First Inaugural Address” (1801)

- “This is what you shall do; Love the earth and sun and the animals, despise riches, give alms to every one that asks, stand up for the stupid and crazy, devote your income and labor to others, hate tyrants, argue not concerning God, have patience and indulgence toward the people, take off your hat to nothing known or unknown or to any man or number of men, go freely with powerful uneducated persons and with the young and with the mothers of families, read these leaves in the open air every season of every year of your life, re-examine all you have been told at school or church or in any book, dismiss whatever insults your own soul, and your very flesh shall be a great poem and have the richest fluency not only in its words but in the silent lines of its lips and face and between the lashes of your eyes and in every motion and joint of your body.”

Walt Whitman, Preface to *Leaves of Grass*