



*We are an open, loving, and inclusive community that supports thinking creatively and living a deeply spiritual life.*



**Living Out Loud!**  
**Living as Wholeness**

**There is in all things a hidden wholeness.**  
~ Parker Palmer, *A Hidden Wholeness*

Visit our Website

Happy Holidays to Everyone and  
for ALL the World Traditions

Merry Christmas



HAPPY



*Hanukkah*





# WINTER SOLSTICE

## Holiday Greetings to You!

Did you know that over 20 holidays and holy days are celebrated during December? These celebrations come from many different religions and faiths, such as Buddhism, Paganism, Wiccan, Christianity, and Judaism. This month, many faiths focus on life's joys in their own unique and perfect way. As a child, I was raised as a Catholic in Buffalo, New York, and Christmas was one of my favorite times of the year. As a young boy, I loved it when it turned cold and snowed, because all of the lights in the holiday decorations around town would have an extra sparkle as they reflected off the snow. I also really enjoyed the Christmas music and carols. One of my favorites then, and still, is *Joy to the World*, because it begins strong and with emphasis!



Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
 Let earth receive her King;  
 Let every heart prepare Him room,  
 And heaven and nature sing,  
 And heaven and nature sing,  
 And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Now, as I look at the song metaphysically, I enjoy it even more. I see it as a song of spiritual principle and truth. I even consider this a grounding prayer. If we break it down, the first line declares that we know the truth, that God is Joy, and the Law brings it forth. The second line states that globally, we are recognizing Christ consciousness. And the third line reminds us that we must consciously be open to receiving this truth. Finally, the song ends with three lines celebrating our new awareness and acceptance of our divinity. This is my breakdown and explanation of *Joy to the World*, which you may or may not agree with, but please don't dismiss its power.

The first line is a powerful affirmation. What if, during our



## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Our Practitioners want to support you in prayer.**

Please email your prayer request to [prayer@cslstgeorge.org](mailto:prayer@cslstgeorge.org) or email practitioners individually at [cslsg.org/about](mailto:cslsg.org/about)



## CSLSG Community Care Circle

Are you or someone you know interested in compassionate support with Life's challenges and joys.

*Leave a message at 435-893-6702*

*to engage this free and confidential service*

busy day, we stopped and said boldly, "Joy to the World." Or, when we are experiencing something not desired, we could use this affirmation to declare and recognize the Divine Joy that always exists everywhere. This joy Ernest Holmes defines as "That joy which is full and complete. That joy that no man can take away..." (SOM 482.3)

I am knowing that Divine Joy lights and leads your journey this and every day.

In Joy,  
Rev. Joe



Reverend Joe Kovach  
Senior Minister

To contact Rev. Joe, please  
email [revjoe@cslstgeorge.org](mailto:revjoe@cslstgeorge.org)

### Live Inspirational Service

In-Person 2nd Sunday

Online every Sunday

11:00am

(Online Live broadcast starts at 10:55am)

[FACEBOOK LINK](#)

[YOUTUBE LINK](#)

Community Zoom Conversation

After online-only services

12:00pm

[ZOOM LINK](#)



To view  
Core Council minutes, please  
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## December 2023 Weekly Talks

### **Living Out Loud!**

#### Living as Wholeness

Ernest Holmes said, "The spark which burns at the center of our own soul is caught from the living and eternal flame of Spirit." (SOM 414.3) Our charge, then, is to recognize, nurture, and express this Divine spark of wholeness. We kindle this flame by living from our own Divine Center, recognizing it in others, working for it in our community and in the world, and looking to great way-showers to inspire and guide us. In this, the Universe knows us as whole.

**CSLSG Senior Minister**  
**Reverend Joe Kovach**

#### *December 3rd Embracing Wholeness*

We are naturally, irresistibly drawn to wholeness. There is something within us that yearns to discover that which makes us whole, to realize the peace and joy that we inherently know is ours by Divine birthright. God wants us to embrace our



wholeness, and the key to living wholly is in the realm of "consciousness." A life of wholeness flows through our experience only because it first flows through our consciousness, and spiritual consciousness is attained through practicing Truth.

*December 10th Recognizing Wholeness, Seeing Good in All*

We are each a field of intelligence in which we see the Universe and every point of life in it as an unbroken wholeness. All individuals and every relationship, as well as all events, are interconnected, mutually interdependent, and a pattern of perfection. We are all a luminous mystery in which the entire Universe rises, falls, and rests.

**THIS SERVICE IS IN-PERSON (and online) AT THE MASONIC LODGE.  
PLEASE SEE DETAILS BELOW.**

*December 24th Embodying Christ Consciousness,  
A Wholeness Prototype*

In the manger place of our own heart, we ignite and renew a light of love. Whenever the inner Christ – God’s perfect idea of us – is recognized or amplified, it calls us to greater loving, because that’s Its nature. We are called to love, “Even as I have loved you,” as Jesus said. The more we discover our true nature and see the Christ as the prototype of wholeness, we realize that we are ordained to follow this path and become the very activity of God. We give birth to the Christ, our hope of glory.

THIS PRE-RECORDED SERVICE WILL BROADCAST AT 10:55am AS USUAL.



*December 17th Guest Speaker*

**Eugene Holden, RScP**

*In the Name of Wholeness,  
Enriching the World*

The spiritual truth of wholeness is the foundation of our world and its residents. As citizens of this holy place – as midwives – we are charged with holding the world in the light of peace, prosperity, perfect right action, and wholeness. We share this love-intelligence with the collective consciousness of humankind and, simply, we do good work in the world.

*December 31st*

**Practitioners Plugged-In**

*A Wholeness Resolution*

This new year, we can have some fun with the usual resolutions we make for living better. And, we can go deeper. We can resolve to live with wholeness, to live free from attachment, to live wisely with humility, justly with compassion, lovingly with fidelity, and gratefully with generosity. We can hold this vision and daily renew it in our hearts.

– from *Out of the Ordinary*, by Joyce Rupp

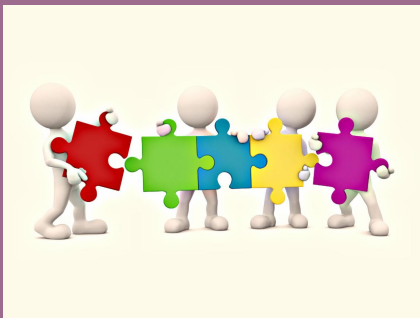


**We believe the Power breathing us is greater than any circumstance, situation, or condition.**

*Our MISSION is to provide spiritual tools for personal and global transformation.*

*Our PURPOSE is to awaken humanity to its spiritual magnificence; to awaken our community to its Divine Nature and the greatest expression of who we are.*

*Our VISION is a world that works for everyone.*



## **Applications now being accepted for upcoming Core Council Vacancies**

Please consider stepping into a fun and meaningful opportunity to serve your CSLSG community.

Application Deadline is December 26th.

Zoom Interviews will be scheduled for January 3rd.

Please eMail SOON for an application to [marinaanderson@cslstgeorge.org](mailto:marinaanderson@cslstgeorge.org)



### **IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICE!**

**December 10th, 11:00am**

**Come join us and bring a friend!!**

**262 Mall Drive**

**Entrance at the white awning.**

**Meet and greet at 10:30.**

**Stay after for a treat and socializing.**

**Please remember the parking just outside the entrance (7 spots) is reserved for our guests with mobility needs.**

**Want to** lead a hike, organize a game night, plan a picnic?

Dream up what you would like to do and let us know. We'll put it on the Center's calendar and advertise it in the newsletter and on our Facebook page.

*Reply to this email to get a gathering going.*

### ***SHARE IN THE ABUNDANCE!***

**Give with Zelle:** Zelle is a bank-to-bank transfer system. HERE are the instructions.

Email us if you need further assistance: [treasurer@cslstgeorge.org](mailto:treasurer@cslstgeorge.org)

**Give Online:** Paypal link is on our website: [csmsg.org](http://csmsg.org) on the Donation page; or Paypal direct with **blue button below**.

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Paypal online donation

## Centers for Spiritual Living Opportunities



Centers for Spiritual Living has a lot to offer interested parties at [csl.org](http://csl.org). For example:

One of the longest published magazines in the country, Science of Mind magazine subscription can be obtained at:

<https://scienceofmind.com/subscribe/>

**CLICK** to request a prayer at World Ministry of Prayer

**CLICK** for Heart of Peace Initiative

**CLICK** for Spiritual Living Circles

**CLICK** for CSL Books

**CLICK** for CSL Spiritual Tools

## St George Interfaith Council Opportunities

Help with food distribution  
on the second and last FRIDAYS  
10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Setup 9:30

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
1072 S 900E, St. George



**St George Interfaith Choir** November 15 "Simple Gifts" performance. To join rehearsals contact **Kathy Brown** [kathybrown13@gmail.com](mailto:kathybrown13@gmail.com). **Singers are welcome.**



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