

Easter Sunday, April 11, 1993

"Three Immortalities"

Song: O Life That Makest All Things New

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Announcements

Chalice Lighting, for the influence of one life

Unison: We light this chalice to remind ourselves  
to treat all other people kindly  
Because they are our brothers and sisters;  
To take good care of the earth  
Because it is our home;  
To live lives full of goodness and love  
Because that is how we all will become  
the best men and women we can be.

A brief story of Jesus' life and death.

Song: Lonesome Valley verses 1 & 2

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"Talking in Their Sleep" by Edith Thomas

Biological Immortality

Cosmological Immortality

"The Tenth Good Thing About Barney" by Judith Viorst

Song: To My Old Brown Earth

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Immortality of Influence

We will share our thoughts about people whose lives  
have influenced us, in small group conversations.

Song: Seek Not Afar For Beauty

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Joys and Concerns, and Offering

Go now in peace, go now in peace,  
May the spirit of love surround you  
Everywhere, everywhere you may go.

## TALKING IN THEIR SLEEP

"You think I am dead,"  
The apple-tree said,  
"Because I have never a leaf to show—  
Because I stoop,  
And my branches droop,  
And the dull gray mosses over me grow!  
But I'm alive in trunk and shoot;  
The buds of next May  
I fold away—  
But I pity the withered grass at my foot."

"You think I am dead,"  
The quick grass said,  
"Because I have parted with stem and blade!  
But under the ground  
I am safe and sound,  
With the snow's thick blanket over me laid.

I'm all alive, and ready to shoot  
Should the spring of the year  
Come dancing here—  
But I pity the flower without branch or root."

"You think I am dead,"  
A soft voice said,  
"Because not a branch or root I own!  
I never have died,  
But close I hide  
In a plummy seed that the wind has sown.  
Patient I wait through the long winter hours;  
You will see me again—  
I shall laugh at you then,  
Out of the eyes of a hundred flowers!"

*Edith M. Thomas*