

V Meditation # 2: What feelings are evoked in hearing about Jesus' rejection at Nazareth? (Luke 4: 14-30) How may Jesus' temptations (Luke 4: 1-13) and this rejection be linked thematically and spiritually? How do you relate to the fact that Jesus did not address the angry worshippers but rather "passed through the midst of them and went away"?

VI Solo Song: *Not While I'm Around* from the musical ***Sweeney Todd***
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VII Congregation Song: *Is This A Day Of New Beginnings?* Please Stand.

Is this a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,
Time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone?

How can the seasons of a planet mindlessly spinning 'round its sun
With just a human name and number say that some new thing has begun?

Yet thro' the life and death of Jesus, love's mighty Spirit, now, as then,
Can make for us a world of diff'rence as faith and hope are born again.

Then let us with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind
Its disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths,
and sure to find.

So let us gather 'round the table to taste and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings—Our God is making all things new!

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VIII Meditation # 3: What "old ways," attitudes, and expectations about church tradition, the faith journey and family life are part of your faith journey's struggle? What "old ways of thinking," "old attitudes" or "old fears" continue to impact your life in negative ways? What "old ways" are helpful?

IX Congregation Song (Reprise): *Into The Fire* (Refrain Only)-2 x
 May your strength give us strength,
 May your faith give us faith,
 May your hope give us hope,
 May your love give us love . . . (Repeat)

X, XI, XII: Repeat *Into The Fire Refrain*

XIII Meditation # 4: We believe that Jesus Christ is ever-present in our lives through the Holy Spirit. How and when have we truly experienced Christ's presence—and seen God at work in our world?

XIV Congregation Song # 3: *Eye Has Not Seen* by Marty Haugen **PLEASE STAND**

Refrain: Eye has not seen, ear has not heard
 What God has ready for those who love him;
 Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus,
 Teach us the wisdom of God.

Verse 1: When pain and sorrow weigh us down, be near to us, O Lord,
 Forgive the weakness of our faith,
 And bear us up within your peaceful word. Refrain

Verse 2: Our lives are but a single breath, we flower and we fade,
 Yet all our days are in your hands,

