

Worship Opportunities during Summer Sessions

Worship-Sharing Groups

Worship-sharing groups will meet Monday through Friday, 8:45–9:45 am. Worship-sharing group assignments and locations will be posted on the Inn porch. If you have any questions, contact the worship-sharing coordinators, Kate Lawson and Claire Simon. If you didn't sign up for a group when you registered, feel free to add your name to a group for Monday morning. This year we have added a **Young Adult Friends Worship Sharing**, held every morning from 8:45 to 9:45 in Gray Pavilion.

The Ministry of the Facing Bench: A Ministry of Eldering

Worship at YM Sessions Committee: Ann Davidson, Cheshire Frager, Janice Ninan

When the gathered body meets in the Auditorium at Silver Bay, a small row of chairs faces the body. The Friends sitting in these chairs are practicing a ministry of elderring that we call the ministry of the facing bench. Some describe this work as holding the body in prayer or holding Friends in the Light. Others speak of grounding our meetings for worship in the Spirit of Love and Truth, or in the presence of the Divine. Those at the clerks' table and those in the body have found that having Friends sitting on these facing chairs serves as a touchstone of calm, a tangible reminder that our Yearly Meeting business sessions are meetings for worship. While some are led to hold and ground the meeting from the facing chairs, others practice this silent ministry of caring eldership from within the body gathered in worship.

The Committee on Worship at Yearly Meeting Sessions is seeking Friends to sit on the facing chairs during Summer Sessions. Are you feeling called to serve in this way? To participate in this service, which is open to Friends of all ages, or if you have questions, contact Ann Davidson via the message board opposite the NYYM conference office in the Inn. If you are moved by Spirit to serve during a meeting, do go ahead and follow that nudge, whether you have signed up or not.

Early Morning Worship Opportunities

If you are an early riser, consider joining **Coffee, Communion, & Conversation** from 6-7:30 a.m. at the auditorium porch. There is also a meeting for **worship in the boathouse** at 7 a.m., or if you're led in the direction of music as ministry, lend your voice to **hymn singing** in the chapel at 7 a.m.

Afternoon Worship Opportunities

All Friends are welcome. Here is this year's schedule:

- Monday-Friday – **Afternoon Worship Sharing** 1:30-3:15 (see porch bulletin board for location)
- Tuesday – **Friends in the Spirit of Christ** – 2:00 – Inn Room 130
- Wednesday – **Worship for Racial Healing** – 4:00 – Field Memorial
- Friday – **FLGBTQC** – 2:00 – Inn Room 130

Evening Community Worship

Early evening is another opportunity for our community to come together to listen as we are drawn deeper into the Divine presence. We'll meet in the Auditorium from 6:40-7:00pm

Silver Bay Vespers

NYYM Friends Lu Harper, John Cooley, and Kate Lawson will offer a five-minute devotional at Silver Bay's vespers, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Vespers take place in the chapel from 7:15-7:45 pm. There is hymn singing, a scripture reading, and special music by Silver Bay staff.

Closing Worship

Community worship on Saturday will be semi-programmed. Herb Lape will bring forth the message.