

An Invitation to Worship

New York Ave

Friends' Meeting House

144 East 20th Street

New York

Sun Eve 8, 10
W.A. B.C.

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5.30

Sun,
4.30 to

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Dear Friends:

We invite you to join with us in the richest, the most uplifting, and the most joyous experience of which the human soul is capable — to lay aside the burdens and the perplexities of life, to escape from the petty and sordid things with which we are perforce occupied for so much of the time, and to enter into communion with the Eternal Father.

We believe profoundly that God speaks directly to the individual human soul independently of any ritual or ceremonial and without the ministrations of any ordained priest. We therefore invite you to enter with us into a period of silent, but expectant, waiting upon God; and we urge you to still all inward and outward sounds, that you may the better hear His voice.

It may be that through the silence itself a message will come to you fraught with peace and comfort and with a blessed, hallowing influence; it may be that through the words of another you will find

the help you need; it may be that among you yourselves there may be one or more who will feel a compelling impulse to share in the vocal service. If so, be faithful. It may be that if you fail in this duty, another may miss the help that you are called upon to give, and that you alone can give.

The conception of worship which both explains and justifies our method of approach is admirably expressed in these lines of Whittier's:

Lowly before the Unseen Presence knelt
Each waiting heart, till haply some one felt
On his moved lips the seal of silence melt.
Or without spoken words, low breathings stole
Of a diviner life from soul to soul,
Baptizing in one tender thought the whole

We earnestly bid you to enter with us into this prayerful, expectant waiting. It will not be in vain.