

The Temple Artisan

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Behold, I give



unto thee a key.

THE GREAT PEACE

I place my heart upon your own that you may be welded together as one. Let nothing come near to disturb these days of the Great Peace, that sacred peace in which the soul grows, as does the holy flower upon the still lagoons.

You climb from opposite points of Life, but it is the same stairway, the final mount of which will always bring you together in every effort or problem. Never halt on any less than the topmost step through doubt or fear.

Such alone can separate you and blacken the step on which you halt.

Whenever difficulty of understanding falls upon you, always climb higher until you reach the broader landing at the top, on which opens the door of the house of Wisdom and Learning, the Temple of your own souls and hearts, the home of the Master and all most dear to Him and you.

There alone can you find peace and happiness. The Light from that Home shines clear and wide to help you in that climb. The fire on that hearth burns bright to warm and cheer you when you enter.



EDITORIAL MIRROR

Humanity has been given a choice, but this is not a choice that we can brush off with “Oh, I’ll do it later” or “Not now! I’m too busy.” People are dying. People are sheltering at home in unprecedented numbers worldwide. We are being asked to choose the welfare of each other and the planet — nothing more, absolutely nothing less.

Many of us have seen this coming in one way or another. People who warned us about what we have been doing to each other and our earth have been viewed as the lunatic fringe. However, the Higher Law has stepped in and demanded our attention, so it is up to us to learn the lesson. I have faith in our ability to meet this challenge with Love, with caring, and with enough fortitude to change the world as we know it. Easy? No. It will take every bit of courage, fortitude, strength, and faith the human race possesses. But we can do it.

To stay connected on inner planes through this time of home isolation, the Temple is offering classes and services online. I have asked the Temple web manager to see that this happens, and while many programs will allow us to connect with the rest of the world, how this is done is not the point. The central issue is the Temple lessons being studied, whether from Teachings of the Temple, or through the writings of the Masters Hilarion, Koot Hoomi, Morya, or from our founders and subsequent Guardians. It is in joining together that the Light of spiritual growth is ignited.

The Avataric Mantram

I will endeavor to realize the presence
of the Avatar
as a Living Power in my life.

I will be conducting the Feast of Fulfillment as well as future Sunday services online. If you want to be a part of these vital gatherings, contact us through our website at templeofthepeople.org. The Noon Healing Service will continue being conducted in the Blue Star Memorial Temple at 12:00 p.m., every day of the year. Please add your heart to the service from wherever you are, by tuning into these vital forces being sent out into the world for the health and safety of humanity.

This issue of *The Temple Artisan* comes to you with faith that we can and will be up to this latest challenge.

— *Eleanor L. Shumway*
Guardian in Chief



THERE ARE NO LITTLE THINGS

“There are no little things.”

William H. Dower, MD, the second Guardian in Chief of the Temple, wrote those words in *Occultism for Beginners*, the series of Temple Artisan articles that were first published in book form in 1917. Doctor, as he was called, was curious about the workings and symbolism of every dimension of life, and studied widely to broaden his understanding of the occult, or hidden forces of nature. I can imagine how absorbed he would be interpreting the workings and symbolism of the novel coronavirus from an occult standpoint.

As this pandemic spreads, I find myself grateful for the many Temple tools we have for our use to fortify our inner spiritual health, beginning with this one, our Temple Mantrams:

I believe that in me dwelleth every good and perfect spirit.

*Believing this, I will show forth this day by thought, word, and deed
all that perfection that dwelleth in me.*

I am One with God and all Good.

Evil hath no power over me.

Though clouds and darkness seem to be about me,

Yet dwell I eternally in the Light.

Humanity has faced plagues and viruses throughout recorded history. This coronavirus disease is not new, and it's interesting to note the timing of the outbreak is almost exactly a century after the influenza pandemic of 1918-19 that took 50 million lives worldwide.

A mentor of mine once explained that because they mutate so readily, viruses symbolize dramatic inner change and transformation at our most basic levels. It's hard to imagine that a tiny strand of RNA is upending life as we know it, breaking open human-made institutions, conventions, and routines at a dizzying rate. This “little thing” is challenging us to modify our behavior and adapt quickly to constantly changing circumstances. It is

literally stopping us in our tracks.

Why is this happening? Nature is always changing and balancing in line with laws of physics and biology. We've fallen out of balance in so many ways on this beautiful blue planet of ours, by not listening to what nature is telling us, by taking more than we need of everything, and by disrespecting one another as people and as nations. This little virus is finding its way to the powerful as well as the poor, to doubters as well as believers, to people of every age and background. In two weeks it has shattered stock markets, shuttered schools, fractured government services, and sequestered citizens in their homes all over the world.

However, we've also seen growing mindfulness in these early days. Panic buying has shifted to an attitude that there can be enough for everyone when we share. People are kinder and more mindful. Some who are able pay a little extra so that those who clean or maintain their homes have a little cushion. Neighbors are stepping out to check on one another over the fence or across the street. And you can hear the birds singing their sweet songs of Spring because the background noise of traffic and jets has been stilled.

In *Occultism for Beginners*, Doctor introduced the idea of the Radiant Center present in all things. He wrote at a time when science depended on rather basic microscopes. Today the reflections of the Oneness of all life have grown even clearer as the tools of science have advanced.

He said: "The physical body is the cellular man. Each grade of matter composing the body — from marrow to bone, tendon, muscle, fat, blood, and nerve tissue — is made up of billions of microscopic cells. Each cell is an entity having its life cycle from birth to death, and possessing consciousness and memory as well as function — its life work. The collective consciousness of all the cells of the body is the consciousness of the physical man, thus enabling the physical body to perform all its diverse functions. In other words, we can say that the whole physical body is to

each cell of the same, what God is to man. In the physical body each cell lives, moves, and has its being. In the universal man-God we live, move, and have our being. Complete identification of consciousness with the greater being is possible when complete correlation is made by any one unit with the inner light — life — of all units. Then the one becomes the All. “The physical body is the correspondence of the spiritual body. To know the physical body we must know the nature of the cells, and how unity, cooperation, and brotherhood depend upon the minute units getting together as the cells do to form an organ, or as the planets do to form the solar system, before larger celestial or terrestrial advancement is possible. There are no little things.”

Today we have orbiting telescopes that see deep into the cosmos, and electron microscopes at the macromolecular level. We have binoculars to observe the birds, and cameras to record the beauty of flower petals close-up. In training our eyes on the world around us, our recognition of nature’s patterns and design is enhanced, thus building conscious awareness of our connection to all life. That resonance helps us vibrate with the whole. It helps us find our place and our sense of purpose.

Metaphors allow us to see something in a new way, as I experienced recently when the words of the Temple “Rallying Cry” pushed into my consciousness:

“Enter in dear Father, enter in dear Mother, enter in dear Sister, enter in dear Brother, and the Sons and Daughters of the Lord our God.”

Nearly everyone is trying to find meaning and understanding in these early days of the pandemic. I began to wonder whether our understanding would shift if we saw this virus as a kind of rallying cry, calling humanity to our senses, asking us to seek and find balance on every level of life, from our personal relationships to our regard for nature and the resources we have taken so much for granted.

This strand of RNA is entering in through the most basic

doorway of life patterning, with a bit of code that is forcing the whole of humanity to stop in our tracks and see how we are connected. We humans don't walk toward change willingly; it is usually thrust upon us. Only as we are brought to our knees in the great push/pull of polar tensions do we let go of old patterns and heal into the new. Many of us are on our knees these days, opening to something bigger that might help us understand what is happening. When I try to control things that are beyond my control, I get nowhere — and this pandemic is far beyond anyone's control. It is a time to give it to God, and to act as the radiant centers we are when we choose to get out of our own way and work together.

In December, the coronavirus was a ripple in a distant pond; as Spring arrived, it was a tsunami crossing oceans and continents, impacting every person on Earth, as this "little thing" moves through us, one to another. If RNA is like a messenger passing the code of life along to new cells, on a spiritual level we are the equivalent — and as human messengers, we can choose either to replicate panic, hoarding, and selfishness, or to be messengers of care, kinship, and unity.

Most philosophies teach concepts related to the Creator–Preserver–Destroyer/Regenerator principles. An example is Shiva the Destroyer, one of the three Hindu gods who together personify the cycles of life on Earth. Along with Brahma the Creator and Vishnu the Preserver, Shiva's force destroys the old so it can be re-created anew. On a grand scale, these cycles are evident in destructive volcanic, tectonic, and climatic events seen in nature. On a human level, we experience Shiva's destruction in falls from grace stemming from desire, arrogance, lust, and evil. Shiva strips us down to our innermost being, where we must die out of the old form before we can be born again into the new. These cycles of life and death can be witnessed everywhere, from trees that blossom, bear fruit, and go dormant to powerful civilizations that flourish and then fall.

When I first joined the Temple, one of the foundational

principles I was taught is that each member of the Temple assumes a kind of spiritual responsibility for our unique “slice of the pie,” that segment of the human family experiencing the particular challenges we face. We enter this earth plane both blessed and cursed with distinctive qualities and limitations — inner polarities — that create the medium in which our souls grow as a result of life’s testing forces. Each day, our motives and actions manifest through those discrete imperfections, frailties, addictions, and wounds, to be channeled into the greater soul of humanity — into our slice of the pie. As we recognize the light within our own darkness, as we bring consciousness to our own ignorance, as we perceive joy within our own sorrows, we heal not only ourselves but others as well, by reflecting the ideals of the All in the One, the One in the All.

About this pandemic, I was brought full circle to Dr. Dower’s work in *Occultism for Beginners* when an epidemiologist advised something profound in its simplicity: “If we each behave as if we, too, have this virus, we can take care of one another.” The 8 billion of us living on this planet are members of the human family, each of us a single cell in this organic reflection of the human body. We may not fully realize that everything is connected, but this “little thing” is impacting human life as we know it through a massive full-stop. This “little thing” is demanding recognition that none of us are beyond its reach. Perhaps the coronavirus is not as much a threat from outside of us, as it is a doorway to the radiant center within every organic system from the cosmos to the cell. We are One, and what we do impacts every other one.

Placing blame outside ourselves will not heal us. Perhaps the more conscious approach is to embody the massive inoculation toward light and change that the coronavirus is bringing our way. We will surely be transformed on the journey of walking separately together, as this pandemic reverberates and ripples back for weeks or months or for however long it takes. While people in America and Britain banded together during World War II to sacrifice for the greater good, in this extraordinary time we are sacrificing for the

greater good by staying apart. Yet we are not alone, blessed as we are with alternative ways of gathering and sharing via technology. For the Temple family, those resources are being revved up so that beginning this week of March 22nd, our study classes, services, and communications will begin to reach out to everyone through virtual resources. Stay tuned to the Temple website for news of online classes and services.

In the great tasks before us, we see the mix of panic and disbelief as people everywhere prepare for the uncharted journey ahead. Those on the front lines of medicine, food supply, repair, delivery, and more, deserve our gratitude for their courage and commitment, even as disruptions and shortages make these essential services difficult and even dangerous. May we be humble enough to honor their actions on our behalf with an abundance of respect and recognition.

Some of us work from home as we self-isolate; others are home schooling their children; still others are reaching out to make sure needs are met in their circle of life. A different kind of listening must take place, and I've been heartened by these words from artist Kitty O'Meara that envision the journey through this pandemic:

"And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently." And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

"And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed." Dear friends and family and templars, we are in this together, shining our inner light in a time of seeming darkness.

The Temple has always offered ways to make it through difficult times, and these resources can help connect us:

- Visit the Temple website, templeofthepeople.org. There you will find the Temple Mantrams, songs, talks from the Guardian in Chief, and other resources and support.

- Wherever you are and whatever you're doing, be still as you tune in every day at noon when the Temple Healing service is conducted in the Blue Star Memorial Temple here in Halcyon.

- Download the words for the Healing Service so you can offer these prayers in your home. Add to your home altar a small bowl or vessel to serve as a healing bowl, where you can write on slips of paper the names of those in your corner of the world who need help.

In this moment — in each moment — our way through this pandemic depends upon everyone working together to make wise choices. Fear and hoarding are understandable reactions, but we are far stronger when we cooperate and work as a team. The truth is that we are hardwired to reach out to one another, to share our courage and creativity. Every crisis is an opportunity, and there are silver linings to be discovered in this uncertain time.

We are one human family. Let your sisters and brothers know how you're coping and what you're creating. Let someone know if you need a call, or want to call others. Do you need groceries? Are you okay? We are in this together — let's take care of each other as best we can.

In the introduction to his fine book, Dr. Dower dedicated his efforts to all who seek greater understanding of our interconnected relationship with All That Is. He wrote:

“Occultism, as a science of life forces,
gives a key to the art of right living
in accord with the divine and natural plan of evolution...
He who would know the origin and destiny of things;
who would win the power to measure in his consciousness

the infinitely great by the infinitely small,
the infinitely small by the infinitely great;
who would know the basic principles of his relations,
spiritually and materially, to the Cosmic Whole
and to all his other selves and parts,
mineral, vegetable, animal, human, and superhuman;
who would know the Law of his interdependence with all life:
Such a one is a seeker after Occult Knowledge —
and for all such, these lessons are intended.”

The lessons before us are deep lessons indeed. Our world, quieter these days without the sounds of planes and traffic, is filled with life and hope that can carry us through if we but take it in, if we listen. Let us listen to the birds that are singing for us and to us, reminding us of the song of life. Let us listen well to each other as we strengthen our ties. And, in closing, let us listen with our whole hearts to the Temple Healing Meditation:

We will now hold the Healing Meditation, calling in the healing forces of the Lodge. Let us surround the Guardian in Chief with the White Light; all Temple officers and members here and elsewhere who are in need of help; all who have sent in their names for the Healing Bowl; and everyone who is searching for the Light.

May the Master purify us that we may more worthily perform this service. In the strength of the Christos do we repel all evil from this, Thy Holy Altar and Sanctuary. We pray, our Heavenly Father/Mother, that Thou wilt send Thy Holy Angels to help us build a Spiritual Temple, through which Thy Strength and Blessings may be poured forth upon the world.

To thee, Almighty Father/Mother/Son, Creator of Life, spiritual and material, we lift our hearts in faith that, if it be according to Thy Will, the Sun of Thy righteous and omnipotent Love may shine upon and within us, lifting the fallen shadows of disease and suffering, and restoring us to mental, moral, and physical health. AMEN.

— Marti Fast
March 22, 2020

THE GREAT QUESTION

What are you doing and what are you going to do?

Are you cultivating the powers of courage, assurance, and endurance at the present time, or are you sinking down into a state of cowardice, fear, and indolence, when some realization dawns upon you of the truth of the facts I have tried to impress on your minds during the last twenty years, relating to the imminence of the great struggle between the powers of light and darkness for the salvation or destruction of the present human race?

I ask myself again and again, can it be possible there is sufficient power in the words of any language or all languages to express the importance of that struggle, or to express the necessity for cultivating the positive powers of courage, assurance, and endurance in yourselves and in your children, and I listen again for the "no" that has ever been my portion to hear.

There are no words in any language capable of expressing that need, but there is something behind those words which may carry conviction to every heart that will open its leaves and let that Something, which is the power of truth, sink within and set going the wheels of the brain with sufficient rapidity to arouse the whole nature of man to a realization of the issues at stake.

If you allow yourselves to dwell on the possibilities of the destruction of cherished possessions, the slaughter of your kind, the overthrow of your governments, traditions, and hopes, you will not only open some path by which those terrors may eventuate, but also you will weaken your defenses, render inadequate your weapons, and serve to cut yourselves off from the great army of the White Brotherhood gathering for the fray. There may be no time or opportunity for the units of that army to stop, pick up and carry the cowards, the selfish, and the indolent who refuse to walk by their side.

The safety of your race, the hope of future civilization rests on you and upon each normal human being, on your power to

stand up and fight, to take the buffets which fall on you and hurl them back to their source, and to serve wherever and at whatever task the Great Law shall put upon you without a whine, to spring quickly at the call of your superior officer, your Master in the lists of life.

You from whom indolence, wealth, or carelessness has stolen the spiritual brawn, bear well in mind, you cannot regain the treasures of bravery, confidence in yourselves, and industry in a moment of time, but you can begin at once to plan and carry out each detail of that plan, as well and as rapidly as power shall develop to do so, and it will develop only by use. The first task you should set yourself is forming an ideal of what you wish to be and clothing it in garments of Faith and Hope sufficiently strong to bear the strain which will be put upon them.

— *Teachings of the Temple*
Published March 1919

THE DISCIPLE'S PATH

The Disciple's Path is the path to wisdom. It is a spiritual path, earned through right action and right understanding to overcome ignorance and self-seeking. The block to spiritual understanding is ourselves; therefore, our human challenge is to interpret the universe as we perceive it and strive to understand that which keeps us in ignorance. The Teachings of the Temple and Bhagavad Gita are two sources that help build understanding.

The lessons in the first volume of *The Teachings of the Temple*, written between 1900 and 1920, describe a society focused on materialism and selfishness at a time when the world was on the verge of the First World War. Materialism expanded on a grand scale as the industrial age and technology solved challenges such as flight, instantaneous communication, better health, and the accelerated use of natural resources to support an ever-increasing population. The Teachings warned of the dire consequences of humanity's ignorance of its actions in predictions published *before*

more than 300 million humans died from war and disease in the twentieth century.

It seems like not much has changed in the material world since the authors of the Teachings wrote: "When one considers the slaughter of human beings now taking place in this twentieth century and the release of the diabolical forces resulting from malice, hatred, and revenge, there would seem to be but little help for any radical change in the future." (*Teachings of the Temple*, Vol. I, p. 430) "Notwithstanding all the centuries of struggle and effort toward development which live behind the present human race and its training for educational, sociological, and material advantages (in some respects) that race is exactly where it was ages ago..." (*Teachings of the Temple*, Vol. I, p. 200)

"The earth is reeking with the blood of the victims of man's selfishness. Every diva, every Savior, every true teacher that ever touched the sphere of man's consciousness has agonized over, pleaded with his hearers in mercy to themselves, to kill out the demon of selfishness that was dragging them down to perdition..." (*Teachings of the Temple*, Vol. I, p. 125)

What happened to mankind in the twentieth century? "The world is seething with the discontent of the human race, and the only one here and one there in the great crucible can subdue the elementaries of his lower nature sufficiently to obtain the mental poise requisite for perceiving the fundamental cause of that discontent.

"The majority of the inhabitants of this puny little earth sphere are so completely unwrapped and mentally smothered by the conditions *they themselves have created* that they have no time or inclination for perceiving or applying the knowledge and wisdom gained by the small minority, that minority which in every age devoted itself to the contemplation and study of the phenomenal universe and the laws which govern it..." (*Teachings of the Temple*, Vol. I, p. 299)

From these passages, one may conclude that the nature of man

has not changed much in the last 120 years. That is to say that we as humanity continue to rely on *instincts* rather than knowledge for our actions.

Human beings are governed by instincts, which are not learned but are instead genetically programmed in our reptilian brains. They tend to reside in man's lower nature, the plane he shares with animals, that are critical for survival. However, choices or reactions based on instincts are limited to pleasure and pain. These involve binary choices such as yes/no, do/not do, run/not run — rudimentary decision-making. Instincts preprogram us to survive, but limit our choices, decisions, and understanding.

Insights are a step beyond instincts and are acquired by learning; in other words, instinctive behavior is modified as a result of knowledge. Through education and experience we gain insight about the world around us. Since the world is much more complicated than we perceive, and we humans are limited by the five senses responsible for our instinctive behavior, the complex universe is largely hidden from us. Insights acquired through interaction with, and knowledge of our environment allow disciples to apply rational thinking and reasoning to choices and decisions as they strive to overcome ignorance to acquire wisdom.

A step beyond insight is *intuition*. As with the outer world, our minds are more complex than we can perceive with our five senses. Hidden in the unconscious mind is a form of information we call intuition, a form of knowledge accessible through methods that do not involve reason, rationalization, or simply uncovering what we know. When intuition bubbles up from the unconscious mind, it may cause us to ask, "How do I know that?" This innate process is ageless and is, in fact, ancient wisdom.

Our minds are about 5% conscious and up to 95% unconscious. The unconscious mind is not empty; it contains knowledge, even though much of the knowledge is hidden. How we acquire, develop, or alter the intuition residing deep within requires

discovering a doorway to the unconscious mind. Over the ages, a few have understood this process and are ready to help those who want to know.

That doorway is to the spiritual path. It opens to knowledge, wisdom, and intuition, and those who seek and follow that path help all humanity replace ignorance with wisdom.

In the Bhagavad-Gita, Krishna describes the spiritual path to the disciple Arjuna, who overcame instinct through insight, on the path to Wisdom. Krishna gave a warning nearly identical to the Teachings: Failure to overcome instinct by suppressing self-centeredness leads man to a cycle of suffering. This is evidenced by the wars and slaughter of humans that were predicted in the *Teachings of the Temple* at the beginning of the twentieth century.

Ultimately, Krishna distills the disciple's path into this conclusion in Chapter Five: "He who, while living in this world and before the liberation of the soul from the body, can resist the impulse arising from desire and anger is a devotee and blessed. The man who is happy within himself, who is illuminated within, is a devotee, and partaking of the nature of the Supreme Spirit, he is merged in it. Such illuminated sages whose sins are exhausted, who are free from delusion, who have their senses and organs under control, and devoted to the good of all creatures obtain assimilation with the Supreme Spirit."

— *Richard Berg*



A TEMPLE NOTICE 1919

In *The Artisan* of January 1919 appeared this notice: "Owing to the presence of the influenza and a county ordinance in the vicinity we have felt obliged to temporarily discontinue the meetings for the first time in Temple history."

And then in February of 1919 *The Artisan* tells us: "The Sunday meetings at the Center have been resumed. These meetings were temporarily suspended owing to county influenza ordinances. Halcyon itself, however, has been practically free from influenza, though it has been quite prevalent in surrounding towns."



As man learns to recognize
his interdependence with all mankind
and with all nature,
he shares in each springtime
the gentle but all encompassing
beauty of his own growth.

Temple Artisan, Editorial Mirror, 1928

THE TURN OF THE ROAD

Impatience to arrive, resentment of conditions of the way cause loss of strength and ability to walk in safety. Brave determination with serenity of mind is always accompanied with power and success.

There are always resting spots, however limited and brief, to be found by those who keep keen watch. Behold, in these places I myself wait to offer you the steaming dish, nourishment for soul and body to sustain you for continuation of the journey. Fruit of the vine, refreshment of spirit itself I also extend to you. Yours is the privilege to partake; I can but offer.

This and more I have assured you before. Forgetfulness means lack of faith or cowardice. Fatigue must come but passes. Doubt grows like a creeping vine, matting, entangling itself around sturdier objects until they become enmassed thereby, lose their natural form and gradually become devitalized and useless.

Search past words of mine, if you will, and you may find my signature. Otherwise must you drift along, unless within your souls some inner chord responds in recognition clear and strong enough to lead you through to the end.

The weakling drops in march. The valiant bears the colors high unto death, accepting weariness, danger, all that goes with battle in defense and protection of his cause, as privilege bestowed upon him by the Commander in Chief.

There is but one slogan for the soldier who enters the Army of the Lodge, and that slogan is "Onward unto Victory," though Victory be death.

— *From the Mountain Top*, Vol. III, p. 27

NOTES ABOUT TOWN

Covid-19 has impacted life here in Halcyon, but we are discovering creative ways to keep everyone connected. Temple study classes are being held online Tuesdays and Fridays at 5:30 p.m., with Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. Web Manager Chris and technical guru Damian got these meetings up and running quickly. In this short time, we have enjoyed hearing from friends in Russia, England, Canada, Utah, California, and Morocco. The idea that people from different countries, different time zones, and speaking different languages can meet heart to heart enlarges our idea about the world. If you would like to join us, fill out the contact form at www.templeofthepeople.org to request further information.

The Temple office is open on a limited basis. The Guardian in Chief moved her office back upstairs in early March, and wishes to acknowledge Anne and Will for their help at the Central Home, and to all who are keeping the business side of Temple life in good order during this unusual time: Dee, Deb, Patte, and Barbara who work upstairs and/or at home, and Sandra and Louise as they oversee the Halcyon Post Office across the way. As always, Aureliano is serving above and beyond the call of duty in seeing to the never-ending list of repairs and maintenance, ably assisted by Steven. We are grateful for their efforts and commitment as they attend to the physical side of our community's well being.

Spring is here and the iris are particularly striking in the garden around the William Quan Judge Library, now bursting with blossoms through generous weekly attention from Marcie, Lorna, and Perry. Up on Temple Street, the succulents planted by George and Zelma are thriving around the Lodge, University Center, and Temple. With everyone hunkered down during this time of pandemic, life may be quiet inside our buildings, but on the outside nature is vibrant with blooms and birds and new growth.

It takes a village, and we are grateful to the many good souls who make life better in the community of Halcyon.

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES

For the duration of the shelter-at-home measures in place during the COVID-19 pandemic, Temple services and study classes are accessible online at their traditional time. Community buildings such as the William Quan Judge Library, Hiawatha Lodge, and the University Center are closed to normal use until further notice.

The Temple Healing Service is held at Noon each day in the Temple. All are welcome to attend.

Sunday Services are held at 10:30am online. The *Feast of Fulfillment*, Communion Service of the Temple, is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. *Enter the Silence*, a prayer and meditation service, is held the last Sunday of the month. Speakers present programs on other Sundays. All are accessible online.

Study Classes under the auspices of Temple Officers and various Temple Orders are held online at 5:30pm on Tuesdays and Fridays. Use the contact form on the Temple website for further information about online meetings.

Speakers in the Sunday Services were: January 12, Eleanor L. Shumway: *Ramblings on the New Year*; January 19, Marti Fast reading *Why Theosophy* by Linda Rollison; February 9, Eleanor L. Shumway: *Simple Gifts of Contentment*; February 16, Jan Scott: *The Weavers*; March 8, Eleanor L. Shumway: *Teach Peace*; March 15, Rick London: *Is Our Humanity at Peril?* and *The Art of Benevolencing*; March 22, Marti Fast: *There Are No Little Things*.

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