



# New Beginnings

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Embracing timeless and relevant traditions:

- Principles of Religious Science
- Teaching Science of Mind

## Awakening Humanity to Its Spiritual Magnificence

Mission Statement:

To be a spiritual home which provides an Acceptance of Self, an Awareness of One, a Sense of Belonging, an Experience of Love, an Awakening to the Power Within and a Passion to Consciously use It.

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The Center for Spiritual Living supports the positive transformation of both our personal lives and the world itself.

At the Center for Spiritual Living, we teach people how to have a personal relationship with God. When we are deeply connected with Spirit, other areas of our lives fall into place — we can do more for others, be better stewards of the Earth, and bring more peace and harmony to the world.

The Center for Spiritual Living in Glendale is a member of the Centers for Spiritual Living: a worldwide organization of spiritual communities dedicated to awakening humanity to its spiritual magnificence.

*Theme for the Year: Living Wholeheartedly for God*

*Focus for the Season: Love in Action*

*Thought for the Season:*

**"We come to love not by finding a perfect person, but by learning to see an imperfect person perfectly." -Sam Keen**



### Greeting from Rev. Marilyn

Dear Friends,

"Change is the only constant in life." – Heraclitus. And, in line with the Truth of this quote change is taking place at the Center for Spiritual Living, Glendale. I will be departing the end of April to make room for something new for everyone.

I know change can be uncomfortable and unhealthy—only as long as it is resisted. Once accepted, it is filled with possibilities. A phrase I've often heard is: "Change your thinking and you

change your life," which is another Truth. Change can be adventuresome, exhilarating, and sometimes challenging (and maybe a little stressful), yet filled with aliveness, all of which promotes the flow of life in the body, mind and spirit.

This makes me think of my recent visit where I spent some quality time with my sister in Anaheim. We were walking her dog, and ourselves, to promote healthy changes. The exercise of walking shapes the body, is good for the mind, and promotes the flow of spirit as we enjoy the time together. I had walked with her and her dog last year, and I noticed she was altering the path we were taking. She said she needed to change the direction she takes each time to keep her mind active, alert and healthy. No routine for her.

I walk almost every morning in my neighborhood—no dog to walk—just me. I started with one route and made some changes, added a second route, which I'm thinking now has become routine. I need to make changes to my changes. It does seem like it's true: change is constant.

I digress. I do know change is good and it is healthy. I just need to be in the now moment, present in the process, even if it feels uncomfortable. Change will stimulate my mind, create new pathways, and certainly stir things up a little or maybe a lot. I've heard many stories where someone has said, "Change was the best thing that ever happened to me." Actually, I've said



that myself. One either steps off the edge or is pushed into the unknown. When that happens, I know what works best for me: I let go and let God. For me it is adventuresome, challenging, exhilarating and rewarding, all rolled up into a ball of energy, and there may be a little stress now and again; let's make that healthy stress.

Through it all, I remind myself of a quote by Emerson: "What lies behind me and what lies before me are tiny matters compared to what lies within me." Thank God, this is the Truth for all of us!

Abundant blessings,

Today, tomorrow and always,

Rev Marilyn



### An Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
May the rains fall soft upon your fields,  
And, until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.



## MARCH 9 - MEMBERSHIP MEETING UPDATE

Rev. Marilyn has advised the membership she will be stepping aside to make room for the Center for Spiritual Living, Glendale to expand from the seeds she has planted and grow in new and wonderful ways ... bringing our center to the field of unlimited possibilities.

Here are a few highlights from the meeting:

The consensus of the members present at the meeting was to elect a Board in order to move forward and continue the Glendale center. A Board of Directors is necessary to guide the new direction of the Center. The following individuals were elected to serve on the Board: Carol Weiche, Rev. Meredith Gray, Colleen Caamaño, Nadia DeWees, Eula Warren, Pat Gilmore and Jonathan Trip.

Responsibilities and chores that Rev Marilyn has been managing need to be turned over to new stewards. The new Board will work toward finding resources and people to handle these tasks. Some of those items include:

- Opening and setting up furniture for Sunday service; lectern, chairs, screen.
- Pick up the mail from Glendale P.O.
- Monitor the Center's Telephone (It is a call-forwarded number.)
- Maintain documents, records and other material reflecting the history of the center.
- Maintain the mailing list directory for mail and newsletter.
- Coordinate facility use with Masonic Lodge and Insurance Company.
- Membership and guest coordination.

A correction regarding the pre-candidating process was reported. While it is highly recommended by CSL; it is not mandatory. The process of selecting a new minister may be accomplished a number of ways. Further discussions will be held between members, the Board and CSL.

Reverend Marilyn's last week will be at the end of April, and on the 30th, the Board will meet to discuss next steps. Stay tuned for more updates!

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### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Officers (TBD):

Board Members:

Colleen Caamano

Nadia DeWees

Pat Gilmore

Rev. Meredith Gray

Jonathan Trip

Eula Warren

Carol Weiche

Musical Director:

Mel Dangcil

Newsletter Design:

Colleen Caamaño

# Easter Lilies

Reserve your flowers today and pick them up following our Easter Sunday Service on April 20.  
\$15 donation

Complete the form below and mail it back to us before Easter Sunday.



I wish to give a donation of \$15 in honor or memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

My check is enclosed: Center for Spiritual Living, Glendale  
Teaching Science of Mind  
P. O. Box 10008, Glendale, CA 91209

Name/Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

We are collecting cuddly stuffed animals, Beanie Babbies, etc. to cheer up young patients at Childrens' Hospital. Please bring your donations by Easter Sunday.

## Birthdays



### MARCH

- 8 – Rev. Meredith Gray
- 8 – Barbara Hanken
- 24 – Rev. Marilyn
- 28 – Anita Preizler



### APRIL

- 10 – Kathryn Bernard
- 13 – Isabel Thompson
- 26 – Rev. Barbara Adams

## The Flow of Life

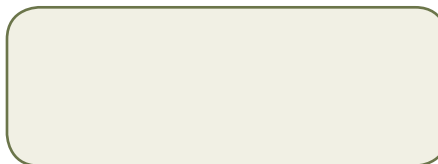
Everything flows and nothing stays.  
Everything flows and nothing abides.  
Everything gives way and nothing stays fixed.  
Everything flows; nothing remains.  
All is flux, nothing is stationary.  
All is flux, nothing stays still.  
All flows, nothing stays.

Heraclitus of Ephesus

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love for:*



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### MARCH Topics

- 2 – Failure Is Not An Option  
Music – Bryan Miller & Jessica Buda
- 9 – It is Done Unto Me As I Believe  
Music – Bryan Miller & Jessica Buda
- 16 – One, One, One . . . Only One  
Music – Mel Dangcil & Jessica Buda  
Make it a Green Day – St. Patrick's Day
- 23 – Many Hands  
Music – Mel Dangcil & Jessica Buda
- 30 – Garbage In – Garbage Out  
Music – Mel Dangcil & Jessica Buda

### APRIL Topics

- 6 – Love is Never Alone  
Music – Bryan Miller & Jessica Buda
- 13 – Living Love  
Music – Mel Dangcil & Jessica Buda  
**Palm Sunday**
- 20 – Love Awakened  
Music – Mel Dangcil & Jessica Buda  
**Easter Sunday - Wear your Easter Bonnet**
- 27 – Rev Paul Braden, Guest Speaker  
Music – Mel Dangcil & Jessica Buda

Sunday Service - 10 a.m. at the Glendale Masonic Center  
Meditation prior to Sunday Service begins at 9:30 a.m.  
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