

March 28, 2020 – Saturday Devotion
Love of Spirit Spiritualist Church, NSAC
A Boulder and the Gold Coins



As our Board of Trustees check in on our membership and friends of the church, we find people with a variety of emotions. Some are feeling the effects of isolation while others are doing alright with our new normal. Some have family within the walls of their confine, while others are truly alone.

We seem to have a situation that has affected our lives by a force that cannot be seen until it has entered the body. It's almost like our relationship with the Infinite Intelligence and the God within! Something we cannot see can make a big difference in the way we see the beauty around us once we acknowledge we have God in our lives. By trusting that the God within will lead us all, keeping us on our paths of this physical life. We are truly never alone.

Life's Boulder

"In ancient times, a king had his men place a boulder on a roadway. He then hid in the bushes and watched to see if anyone would move the boulder out of the way. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers passed by and simply walked around it.

Many people blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none of them did anything about getting the stone removed.

One day, a peasant came along carrying vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to push the stone out of the way. After much pushing and straining, he finally managed.

After the peasant went back to pick up his vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and note from the King explain that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the road."

Moral: Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition.

Some people may keep to themselves, while others do what they can to ensure the emotional health of others. Together we will get through this new normal. Just think how easily the boulder would have been moved if those in the story would have worked together. Personal boulders begin to crumble into manageable pebbles when people work together, supporting each other. I know many of you have developed relationships with those you have met through the church. These relationships are valuable especially now when relationship feels like the only thing, we have control.

When the God within brings us together, the Infinite's energy comes together; it's called community. Community is all inclusive for all people. Your community is weaved with love, compassion, forgiveness, acceptance.... the list goes on. What does your community look like and how can you collectively move and crumble the boulders of your life? You will find the riches within those you love, worth more than any gold coins.

May God keep you safe and well,

Bonnie.

God of many names. We come to you go light our path, to seek out everyone in our community. Hear us when we say, I cannot do this alone. I appreciate the guidance and love created by my community, bringing closer to the God within. May I serve those around me as I have learned by the unconditional love that's been shown me. May I forgive those who have challenged me in ways unforgiveable at the time. May I understand the wisdom that was taught me during those challenging times. It's with gratitude and love that I reach out to my community Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will be holding a church service on Zoom, during our regular Sunday church service time at 4pm.

Topic: Love of Spirit 3/29 Service

Time: Mar 29, 2020 04:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting -- Follow this link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/806188360>

Meeting ID: 806 188 360

- **If you want to continue to support the church**, we have added a “DONATE” button on the first page of our website. <https://www.yourloveofspirit.com/>. Thank you in advance for your continued support.
- **Do you have a story idea that would be suitable to use for the devotions?** To submit your authentic story to for our devotions, send to revbonnie1216@aol.com and type **STORY** in the subject line.
- **A private chat on Messenger was started this week.** If you want to be included in this chat, send an email to: info@yourloveofspirit.com and type **YES** in the subject line. Include your Facebook name in the content.
- **As we go through this time of challenge**, just know, we have people who can keep communion with you. If you want someone to contact you, send an email to: info@yourloveofspirit.com and type **CONTACT** in the subject line. Include your contact information in the content.
- **We are still unsure when we will be able to meet in person again.** It looks as if the Campus Religious Center may extend the stay at home order. Currently, we are planning on April 26, depending upon the restrictions.
- **For updates** visit our website: <https://www.yourloveofspirit.com/> or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/YourLoveOfSpirit/?ref=bookmarks>

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.
2. We believe that the phenomena of nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.
3. We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith, constitute true religion.
4. We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.
5. We affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.
6. We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule, “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”
7. We affirm the moral responsibility of individuals, and that we make our own happiness or unhappiness as we obey or disobey Nature's physical and spiritual laws.
8. We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any soul here or hereafter.
9. We affirm that the precepts of Prophecy and Healing are Divine attributes proven through Mediumship.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL HEALING

I ask the great unseen healing force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body and to restore me to perfect health. I ask this in all sincerity and honesty, and I will do my part.

I ask this great unseen healing force to help both present and absent ones who are in need of help and to restore them to perfect health. I put my trust and love in the power of God.