# Veriditas Handheld Labyrinth Meditation

Friday, May 26, 2023 Facilitator: Laura Esculcas Music: Rob Hodges

### Theme: Imagining a New Path

"There are no such things as idle thoughts." (Unknown)



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## Why I Wake Early, by Mary Oliver

Hello, sun in my face. Hello, you who make the morning and spread it over the fields and into the faces of the tulips and the nodding morning glories, and into the windows of, even, the miserable and crotchety–

best preacher that ever was, dear star, that just happens to be where you are in the universe to keep us from ever-darkness, to ease us with warm touching, to hold us in the great hands of light– good morning, good morning, good morning.

Watch, now, how I start the day in happiness, in kindness.

## Poem read at the end of the walk:

breathing in darkness deep in silent woods let your soul be still now we must learn wisdom is ancient clear images birth our imagination this day and this night will never come again awaken to now on a path to certainty find your one true song our world expects your voice to join its great chorus not a shadow of a cloud moon is shining clear earth miraculously quiet name your passion practice for eternity years will pass like a dream shadows release themselves truths will be revealed for truths are in our telling time now motionless wind sings and a crow calls stars speak in a whisper forever sky now restores sacred breath of earth

By Calen Rayne, www.themonklibrary.com

#### **Musical Selection:**

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation. I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing. It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing!

What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth. What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging. Since love prevails in heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing!

When tyrants tremble as they hear the bells of freedom ringing, when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing! To prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging; when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing!



#### Inspiration for the Theme

Together We Fly Meaning: Growth and Freedom <u>Cards for the Visionary Path</u> by Francene Hart

"Expand your vision of your personal power. Envision yourself unlocking your own capacity for growth and then reaching beyond yourself to touch the ones you love."

# Extra resource: Prayer of Transformation

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For this I am so grateful. And So It Is!

From Every Day I Pray: Prayers for Awakening to the Grace of Inner Communion (pp. 49-50) by Iyanla Vanzant