

The Psalms: timeless texts for Prayer, Praise & Proclamation

A workshop celebrating and interpreting the major themes of the Psalms in word and song

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Presented in conjunction with St. Peter's United Church and Manitou Conference

Saturday, November 18, 2006 9:30 am to 4:30 pm
St. Peter's United Church 203 York Street, Sudbury

This wonderful workshop was attended by 50 laypersons and clergy from the United Church as well as the Anglican, Roman Catholic and Presbyterian faiths. A \$15 registration fee defrayed the costs of lunch, coffee breaks and materials for participants.

Gerald chose for study, Psalms representative of the three major themes:
Orientation – we offer praise to God for the wonderful gifts of God's creation.

Disorientation – the world is often hostile and we lament our separation from God.

New Orientation – God can guide us through our troubles to a new view and life.

This really was a workshop, with participants saying and singing Psalms, discussing interpretations at table groups, painting their representations of a lament, acting out Psalm sections and even dancing their praise. Gerald's rich background in music, scholarship and interpretation and his lively presentations were real gifts for all.