

Leap of Faith

Lyrics and music by Rod Accardi

We are standing on the threshold to take a leap of faith.
We are waiting on the threshold to take a leap of hope.
We are standing on the threshold to take a leap of love.
It's never too late, so don't hesitate.
Put your trust in the source of your love, hope and faith.
Everything of late leads to destiny's gate.
We're standing on the threshold of the leap of faith.

Look before you leap
Keep discerning as you look
Pray your soul to keep
Trust in the Good Shepherd's crook.

Sunset, sunrise someplace
Do you remember the sweet surrender
In the arms of transforming grace

Refrain

Believe what you teach
Preach what you believe
Practice what you preach
Nurture what you've conceived

Sunset, sunrise somewhere
Do you remember the sweet surrender
Lifted up on a wing and a prayer

Refrain

Ritual of Gratitude and Blessing

For

Rev. Thomas G. Landry

David A. Lichter, D. Min.

BRINGING GIFTS THAT DIFFER



IN SPLENDID VARIED WAYS

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Ritual of Gratitude & Blessing

Isaiah 44: 1, 4-5 Listen now, my chosen one. For I will pour out water on the thirsty soil and streams upon the dry land. I will pour out my spirit on your descendants, my blessing upon those who will follow you. They too shall grow like grass by running streams, like poplars beside the flowing waters. And this chosen one shall write upon his hand— “I am the Lord’s.”

Gracious God, Source and Giver of All Gifts, we rejoice in the goodness of your great abundance and holy generosity. We are grateful today for Tom Landry and the gift of his faithful and steadfast service in the ministries of spiritual care and leadership of our Association. For all these things and more we give you thanks:

(W) for gifts of celebration; for prayerfulness and playfulness and for blessings shared in the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

(M) for gifts of communication and community building, healing and reconciliation.

(W) for gifts of mutuality and collaboration, fostering life-giving relationships and partnerships, personally, professionally and organizationally.

(M) for gifts of leadership, for guiding the development of a strategic plan: to support our members; promote chaplaincy; strengthen relationships within the Church; foster growth and unity within our diversity; engage strategic partners; steward our mission and financial resources; and enhance our organizational effectiveness.

(W) for gifts of intellect and spirit; for the virtues of honor and integrity; loyalty and perseverance, dedication and service.

(M) for gifts of gentle speech and bold, faith-filled action, promoting NACC as a ministry of the Church, and advancing the profession of chaplaincy.

(W) for the gift of home-making; creating a nurturing and professional dwelling place for our NACC Office Staff, and a haven of hospitality for our members, colleagues and guests.

(M) for the gift of wonderful memories of the time you gifted us with your leadership, and accomplishments those memories honor.

All: for the gift Tom has been, and will continue to be for us, we give thanks to our God. Amen.



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Timothy 1: 6-7

I remind you to stir into flame the gift God bestowed when my hands were laid upon you. The spirit God has given is no cowardly spirit, but rather one that makes us strong, loving and wise.

Gracious God, Source and Giver of all gifts, we rejoice in the goodness of your great abundance and holy generosity. We are grateful today for David Lichter and the gift of his faithful and steadfast service in implementing and adjusting our Strategic Plan with “prayer, observance, discipline, thought and action.” For all these things and more we give you thanks:

(W) for gifts of radical openness and responsiveness to the movement of the Spirit and willingness to accept and follow the call to ministry leadership.

(M) for gifts of holy curiosity, suspending judgment, seeking understanding, seeing with new eyes.

(W) for gifts of wisdom and insight; listening deeply and with a discerning heart to that which is spoken as well as unsaid.

(M) for gifts of creative and diverse communication in written and spoken word, with individuals, small groups and large gatherings.

(W) for gifts of humor and wit that enhance and enrich finely honed management skills and competencies.

(M) for gifts of collaboration; building strategic alliances to maximize shared and new resources.

(W) for gifts of influence, inspiration and passion, engaging the energy and imagination of NACC staff and members, colleagues and constituencies.

(M) for gifts of mindfulness, planfulness and thoroughness, and a heart committed to the growth of chaplaincy as a ministry of the Church.

(W) for the gift of receptivity, welcoming a diverse and challenging band of ministers and fostering a compassionate community of faith and hope.

(M) for the gift of servant leadership, strategically designing, planning, drafting and constructing a viable and vibrant future for NACC.

All: For the gift David has been, and will continue to be for us, we give thanks to our God. Amen.

