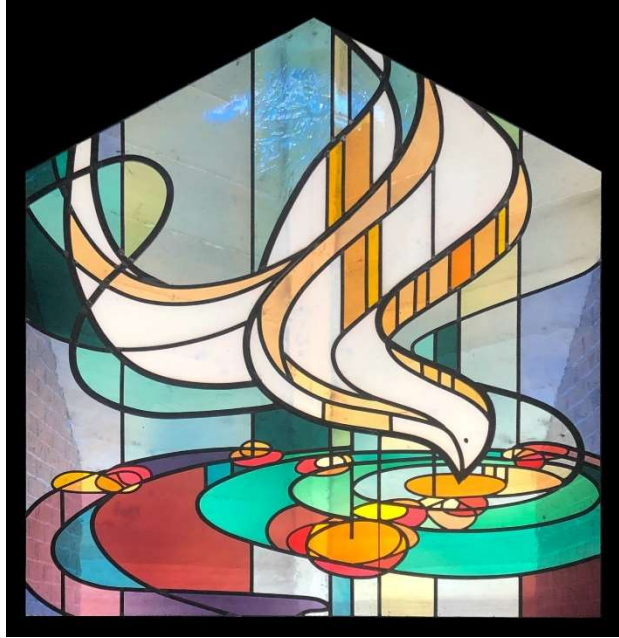


Its Inception

Where does it all begin? It begins with a universal deep yearning. Every person, religious or not, has the yearning inside for something greater than he/she has or is. It is a longing for something beyond what now exists. Although it is a longing for the inner peace that comes only from spiritual satisfaction, most people attempt to satisfy that longing with such things as possessions, success, physical activity/fitness family, work, pleasure or even food—all quite worthy. They just don't satisfy that deep spiritual longing.



The Holy One has created every human being with a space inside that person that is the exact size and shape of God's presence. Only God will fit and fill that space. When God is allowed to be present to us, that space is filled and our longing is fulfilled. However, we mistakenly work feverishly to fill it with everything else but God's Holy Spirit.

Our modern homes are built with garages the size and shape of automobiles, with the idea that they will be used for that purpose. How often, however, do we fill our garages with other things even to the point of having to leave our cars outside? How often, also, have we done the same with that space in our hearts where God belongs?

We are created to live in an exquisite relationship with God. When we allow that relationship to develop within us, as our unique orientation to life, then we bring God the joy we have been created to bring. In turn, our own lives are filled with joy because we have fulfilled our reason for being. We are here for God's pleasure. If we can keep that underlying principle in focus, returning to it daily, then we are well into an abundant life.

