



Applying Emotional Dialectics to the Politics of Sensitivity

Mac Armstrong
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Music for Gathering Mac Armstrong

Hotter than Mojave in my Heart (Iris DeMent)

Words of Welcome Bob Davis

Opening Song *We are Building a New Way* (#1017)

Ramsey/Drake

Chalice Lighting Bob Davis

Let us Dare (Craig Rowland)

Joys and Sorrows Bob Davis

Silent Meditation

Offering Bob Davis

Offertory Mac Armstrong

The Whiskey or the Coal (Big Country Bluegrass)

Giving Thanks for All That Sustains Us:

From the countless gifts we each have been given, gifts of life and love and sustenance, we bring these small portions, to share in the works of love which none of us can accomplish alone.

Reading Mac Armstrong

Plegaria a un Labrador (English) (V́ctor Jara)

Song Mac Armstrong

Dangerfield Newby (New Dangerfield)

Reflection Mac Armstrong

Questions for Sharing and Listening

1. *Do you agree with the argument that vulnerability is missing from our politics?*
2. *How do you think about sensitivity in politics? What are some ways you try to be sensitive to others' identities?*
3. *Are there any ways you can envision introducing vulnerability in your approach to politics, or identity?*

Guidelines for discussion: Please speak the truth as you understand it; please do not comment on others' comments until everyone has had a chance to do initial sharing.

Closing song Mac Armstrong

Working on a Building

(in the style of The Johnson Mountain Boys)

Closing words Mac Armstrong

People joining us via Zoom are invited to stay for small group conversation.

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