

State of the Meeting  
Buckley Worship Group 2018

Buckley Worship group is composed of two core members, Laverne Harris and Cathi Anderson. We refer to our group as the Create and Meditate worship group because of the craft work we encourage during service. We originally met for one hour, but discovered that was not enough time. We now meet on first day, from 10 am, until noon. Pets are welcome to join us. Over the past year we created an afghan that was sent to the Smart Museum in Chicago for eventual distribution to immigrants. A Buddhist joined our worship and gave us insights into her religious beliefs. She has maintained an active interest in our group. We had a winter equinox celebration led by high priest Jim Anderson, a member of the Inupiaq nation. With a pagan, a Buddhist and a Quaker participating, we brought back the sun with diversified spiritual representation. Joe Cross, hypnotherapist, led us in a guided meditation one first day, and we have encouraged him to return. We support each other in the Light, and we learn to love and appreciate our differences in a time when our culture is so divided. The words of John Lewis in his book *Across that Bridge: A vision for Change and the Future of America* express what we strive for in our worship group:

“It is the responsibility, yet the individual choice, of each of us to use the light we have to dispel the work of darkness.”