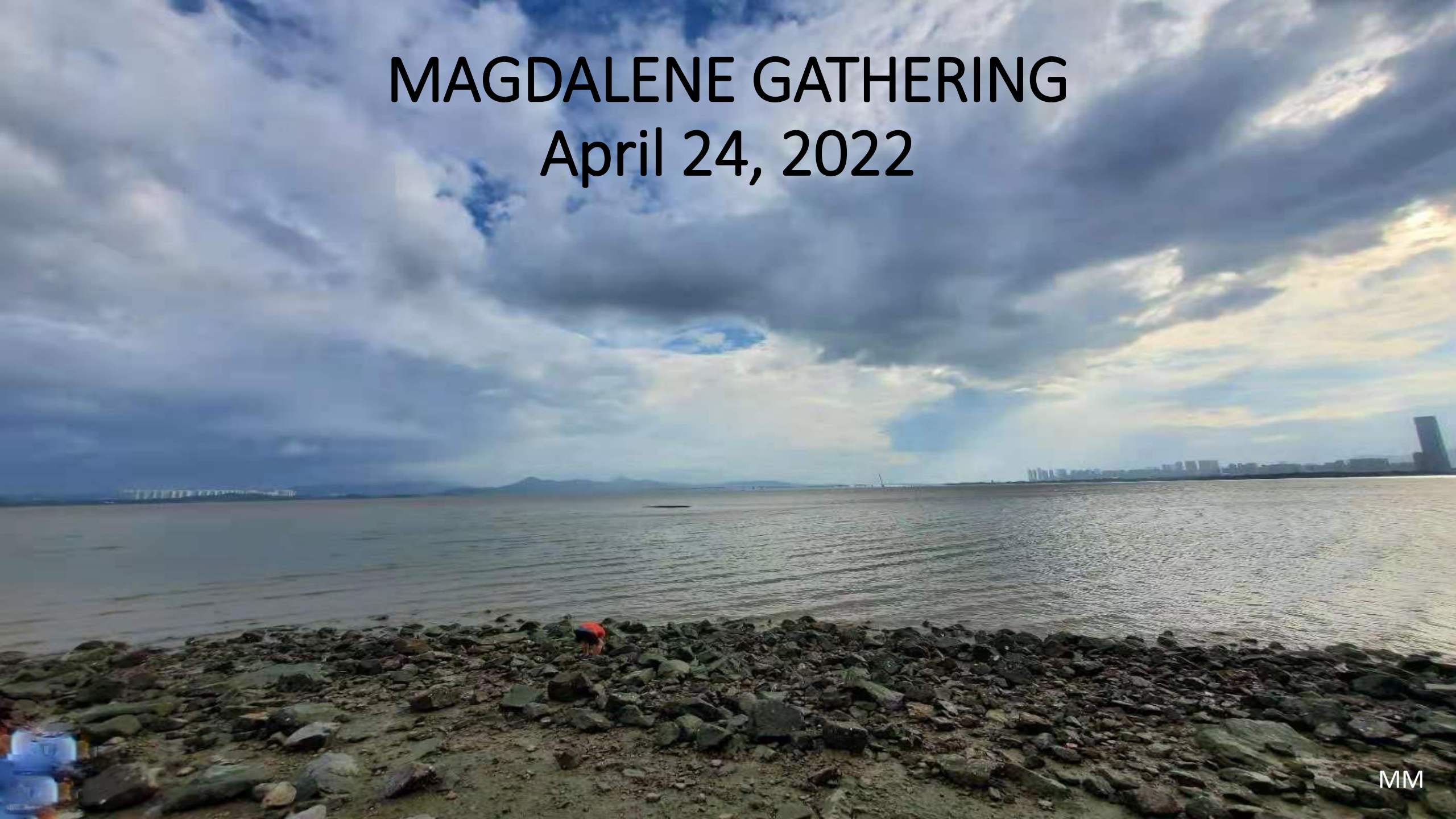


MAGDALENE GATHERING

April 24, 2022



WELCOME

Let's take a few moments to silence our minds, calm our bodies and open our hearts

OPENING DIALOGUE

SOLO: Peace be with You

UNISON: Acquire My Peace Within You

SOLO: Lord, I saw you today in a vision

UNISON: Blessed are you that you did not waver at the sight of Me.

SOLO: Tell me Lord, how does he who sees the vision see it, through the soul or through the spirit ?

UNISON: He does not see through the soul nor through the spirit, but the mind that is between the two that is what sees the vision.

Fear

False

Evidence

Appearing

Real

FEAR





A Reading from the Gospel of Mary

The disciples were grieved. They wept profoundly and said, ‘How can we go to the gentiles and preach the good news of the kingdom of the Child of Humanity? If they did not spare him, how will we be spared?’

Mary stood up and greeted them all, and said to her brothers, ‘Do not weep or grieve or be in doubt for his grace will be with you all and will protect you. Rather, let us praise his greatness, for he has prepared us and made us truly human.’

When Mary said this, she turned their hearts to the good, and they began to discuss the words of the [savior].

From the Gospel of Thomas 114

- 1 Then Mary rose to her feet, saluted them all, and spoke to her brothers: "Stop your weeping!
- 2 Do not mourn or waver, for his favor will accompany you to protect you.
- 3 No, instead, let us extol his greatness, seeing that he has trained us and transformed us into men."

A Course In Miracles

“All aspects of fear are untrue because they do not exist at the creative level, and therefore do not exist at all. To whatever extent you are willing to submit your beliefs to this test, to that extent are your perceptions corrected”

“Darkness is a lack of light as sin is a lack of love. It has no unique properties of its own. It is an example of the “scarcity” belief, from which only error can proceed. Truth is always abundant. Those who perceive and acknowledge that they have everything have no needs of any kind.”

“Very simply, then, you may believe you are afraid of nothingness, but you are really afraid of nothing. And in that awareness, you are healed.”

“In your brother is the light. See him as sinless, and there can be no fear in you.”

“There is no time, no place, no state where God is absent. There is nothing to be feared.”

“Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate,
our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.
It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us.

We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous,
talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you *not* to be? You
are a child of God. Your playing small doesn't serve the
world.”

Marianne Williamson

A Return To Love

Dearest Fear:

Creativity and I are about to go on a road trip together. I understand you'll be joining us, because you always do. I do acknowledge that you believe you have an important job to do in my life, and that you take your job seriously. Apparently, your job is to induce complete panic whenever I'm about to do anything interesting—and, may I say, you are superb at your job.

So, by all means, keep doing your job, if you feel you must. But I will also be doing my job, which is to work hard and stay focused. And Creativity will be doing its job, which is to remain stimulating and inspiring.

There's plenty of room in this vehicle for all of us, so make yourself at home, but understand this: Creativity and I are the only ones who will be making any decisions along the way. I recognize and respect that you are part of this family, and I will never exclude you from our activities, but still—your suggestions will never be followed.

You're allowed to have a seat, and you're allowed to have a voice, but you are not allowed to have a vote. You're not allowed to touch the road maps; you're not allowed to suggest detours; you're not allowed to fiddle with the temperature. Dude, you're not even allowed to touch the radio.

But above all else, my dear old familiar friend, you are absolutely forbidden to drive.”

Elizabeth Gilbert, “Big Magic: Creative Living Beyond Fear”

An invitation

Reflection and Discussion:

What do we fear?

How do we deal with fear?

Does fear have a driver's seat in our life?

Announcements:

Prayer List:

Requests:

Rumi

Today, like every other day, we wake up empty and frightened.

Don't open the door to the study and begin reading

Take down the dulcimer (musical Instrument).

Let the beauty we love, be what we do.

There are hundreds of ways to kneel, hundreds of ways to kiss the ground.

CLOSING

SOLO: They asked the soul, Whence do you come slayer of men, or where are you going, conqueror of space?

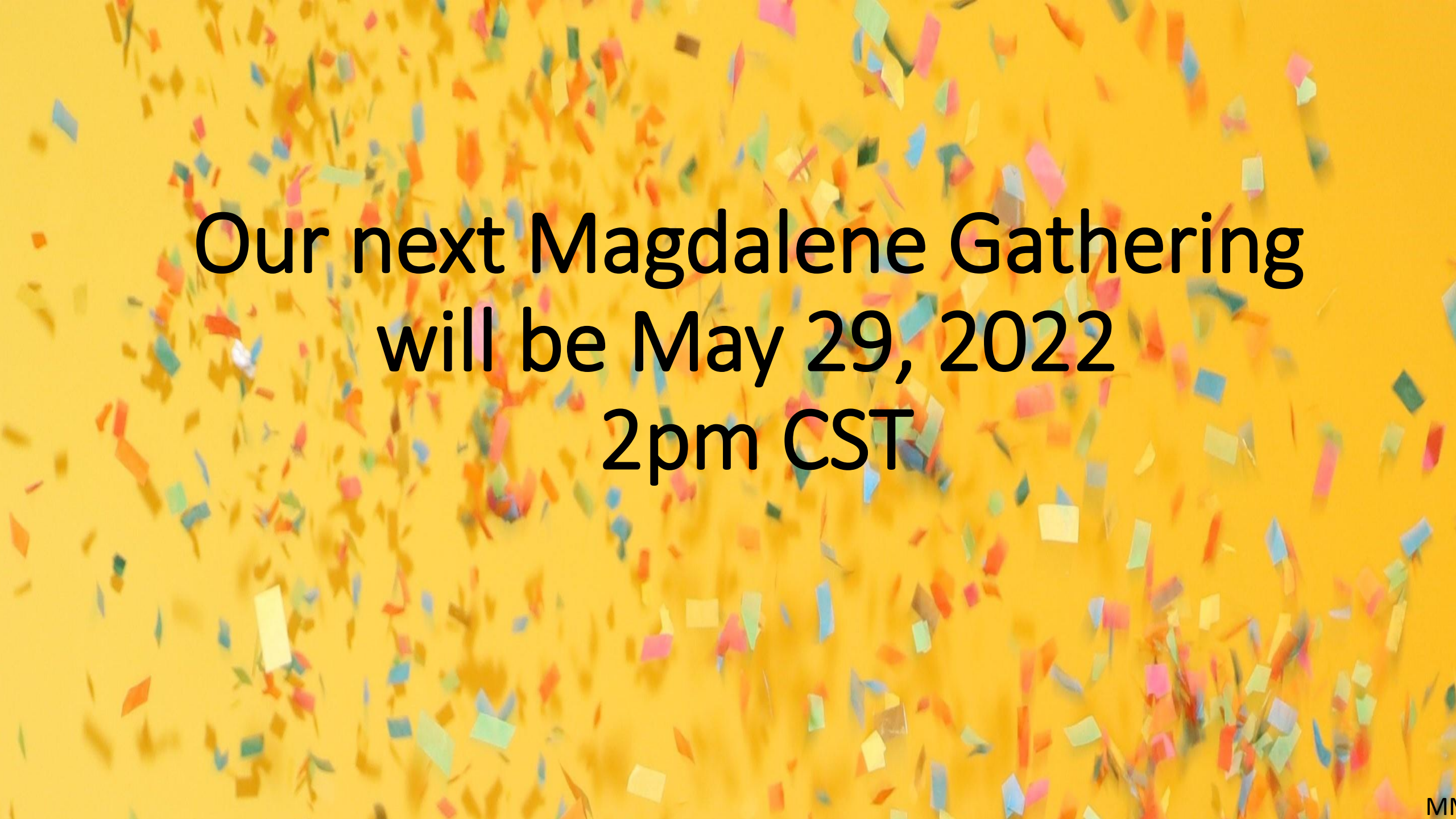
UNISON: The soul answered and said, What binds me has been slain, and what turns me about has been overcome, and my desire has been ended, and ignorance has died.

SOLO: Are we ready to let release the ignorance?

Unison: We are ready. We are ready to acquire the Lord's Peace. We are ready to go within. We are ready to be in silence and hear the words of The Teacher.

Solo: Those who have ears, let them hear.

Unison: Peace be with us.

The background is a vibrant yellow, densely populated with small, multi-colored confetti pieces in shades of blue, red, green, and pink. The text is centered and reads:

**Our next Magdalene Gathering
will be May 29, 2022
2pm CST**