

**THE SPACE BETWEEN**  
**May 13, 2020**

**Candle Lighting and Opening Words:**

**Song Lyrics:**

You cannot quit me so quickly  
Is no hope in you for me?  
No corner you could squeeze me  
But I've got all the time for you love

The space between  
The tears we cry is the laughter keeps us coming back for more  
The space between  
The wicked lies we tell to keep us safe from the pain  
Will I hold you again?

These fickle fuddled words confuse me  
Like will it rain today  
We waste the hours with talking talking  
These twisted games we're playing  
We're strange allies  
With warring hearts  
What a wild-eyed beast you be  
The space between

The wicked lies we tell that hope to keep us safe from the pain  
Look at us spinning out in the madness of a roller coaster  
You know you went off like the devil in the church  
In the middle of a crowded room  
All we can do my love

Is hope we don't take this ship down  
The space between  
Where you smile and hide  
Is where you'll find me if I get to go  
The space between  
The bullets in our firefight  
Is where I'll be hiding waiting for you

The rain that falls  
Splashed in your heart  
Ran like sadness down the window into your room  
The space between  
Our wicked lies is  
The hope to keep us safe from pain

Take my hand  
'cause we're walking out of here  
Right out of here  
Is all we need dear  
The space between  
What's wrong and right

Is where you'll find me hiding waiting for you  
The space between your heart and mind  
Is the space we'll fill with time  
The space between  
The tears we cry is the laughter keeps us coming back for more

The space between our wicked lies  
Where we hope to keep safe from pain  
The space between  
The space between

## Check-In:

### Focus Readings:

The Land Between is a place where life is not as it once was, where the future is a question. It is fertile ground for complaints and meltdowns – “I’m sick of this,” and, “I can’t/won’t live like this anymore.” The Land Between is also fertile ground for transformational growth. It is our response that determines whether our journey through this Land results in deep lasting growth or proves destructive to our soul. ~Pastor Dave Neal Owen O’Quill

We are in the Land Between. Our lives have been radically disrupted and reshaped, leaving us feeling dazed and stranded. We are at sea in a new world. At some point, we’ll regain our footing and find some kind of balance in a new normal, but for now, we’re in between and have no idea how to navigate the terrain. We’re no longer where we were, and don’t yet know where we’re going or will actually end up. (~ adapted from “The Land Between, Keeping Faith on the Way to Somewhere,” Jeff Manion, InTouchMinisteries.org/magazine)

Historically, pandemics have forced humans to break with the past and imagine their world anew. This one is no different. It is a **portal**, a gateway between one world and the next. We can choose to walk through it, dragging the carcasses of our prejudice and hatred, our avarice, our data banks and dead ideas, our dead rivers and smoky skies behind us. Or we can walk through lightly, with little luggage, ready to imagine another world. And ready to fight for it.”

—Arundhati Roy, *novelist*

### Moment of Silence for Reflection

#### Questions:

1. What has this Space Between, that the whole world is in, been like for you so far?
2. What’s wearing you out, eroding your energy, and/or draining your joy?
3. What strengths and/or sources of faith do you draw on in this Land Between?
4. What support or help do you need right now?
5. Have you experienced any “gifts” during this time? What has given you joy, brought you peace, or restored your faith?

#### Likes/Wishes

#### Closing Words:

May the nourishment of the earth be yours,  
may the clarity of light be yours,  
may the fluency of the ocean be yours,  
may the protection of the ancestors be yours.  
And so may a slow  
wind work these words  
of love around you,  
an invisible cloak  
to mind your life.

--John O'Donohue, last stanza of Beannacht, from "To Bless the Space Between Us"