

- Mitch Leigh  
& Joe Darion

**The Impossible Dream**  
from *The Man From La Mancha*

To dream the impossible dream  
To fight the unbeatable foe  
To bear with unbearable sorrow  
To run where the brave dare not go.

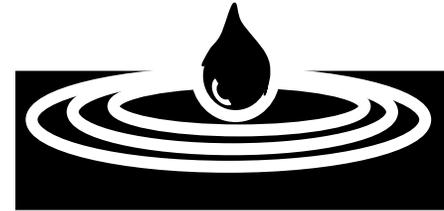
To right the unrightable wrong  
To love pure and chaste from afar  
To try when your arms are too weary  
To reach the unreachable star.

This is my quest  
To follow that star  
No matter how hopeless  
No matter how far.

To fight for the right  
Without question or pause  
To be willing to march into Hell  
For a heavenly cause.

And I know if I'll only be true  
To this glorious quest  
That my heart will lie peaceful and calm  
When I'm laid to my rest.

And the world will be better for this  
That one human, scorned and covered with scars  
Still strove with his last ounce of courage  
To reach the unreachable star.



**SMALL GROUP MINISTRY**

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**Above and Beyond:  
Achieving the Impossible**

It's never too late to be what you might have been.  
- *George Eliot*

Many of life's failures are [people] who did not realize how  
close they were to success when they gave up.  
- *Thomas A. Edison*

**Preliminaries** Announce upcoming church events; get volunteers to light chalice and do opening reading.

**Opening / Chalice Lighting**  
- *Dag Hammarskjöld, Hymnal #487*  
I am being driven forward  
Into an unknown land.  
The pass grows steeper  
The air colder and sharper  
A wind from my unknown goal  
Stirs the strings of expectation.

Still the question  
Shall I ever get there?  
There where life resounds  
A clear pure note in the silence.

**Check-in** Take a minute or two to share briefly the high and low points in your life since we last met.

**Reading Round the Circle**  
- *Marianne Williamson, in A Return to Love*  
*Read around the circle, one sentence at a time.*  
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 does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

**Sitting in Silence**

**Sharing/ Deep Listening** Deeply listening, without response or thought of response at this time, is the gift we give and receive as we share our thoughts on the preparation for this session.

**Discussion** This is a time to supportively respond to something another person said or to relate additional thoughts that may have occurred as others shared.

**Singing**  
- *Mitch Leigh & Joe Darion*  
*See the back of this order of service for the words to "The Impossible Dream."*

**Extinguishing the Chalice** *Join hands or link arms, and read together:*

-*Sara Moores Campbell, Hymnal #701*  
We receive fragments of holiness, glimpses of eternity, brief moments of insight. Let us gather them up for the precious gifts that they are and, renewed by their grace, move boldly into the unknown.

Amen. Shalom. Blessed be.