

# Annual Poetry as Prayer Day: Denise Levertov

## *“Invocations of Humanity”*

*“In some special way every person completes the universe.  
If he does not play ‘his part,’ he injures the pattern  
of all existence.”*

-Denise Levertov quoting the words of  
Rabbi Judah Loew, b. 1520



**Description:** This our 9th annual Poetry as Prayer Day features the work of poet Denise Levertov, whose long career illuminated the human condition. Levertov was passionate about human experience: love, motherhood, nature, war, the nuclear arms race, the environment, mysticism, faith, poetry, and the role of the poet, all found their way into her "invocations of humanity." (Joan F. Hallisey). Levertov understood that awe, praise and celebration are as strong of impulses in human nature as is lament. And for her the mystical was always an experience that placed one back into the human family--awake and responsive to the human needs of the day. Come and share in this day as we let her words speak to us in our day and awaken in us our own invocations of humanity.



**Leader:** Glenn Mitchell is Director of Oasis Ministries and a teacher with Oasis since 1996. Glenn was trained in spiritual guidance by the Shalem Institute and Oasis Ministries. He is a lead teacher in Spiritual Direction for Spiritual Guides and offers leadership in other Oasis training programs and single day events. Glenn has a practice of spiritual direction based in State College, Pennsylvania. Glenn has two adult children and is married to Theresa Shay. Glenn loves all things contemplative and in his spare time enjoys watching birds, restoring their 1800's log home and making things from wood.

**Date:** Friday, April 27, 2018

**Time:** 9:30am-3:30pm

**Where:** Lititz Church of the Brethren,  
300 West Orange Street, Lititz, PA 17543

**Retreat Fee:** \$65- \$85 (as you are able) Please  
bring a bag lunch, drinks will be provided.



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