

## Michaelmas 2023

*The Branch Festivals Group, Anthroposophical Society, Greater Washington Branch*

### ***Courage to Keep to the Ideal – a talk by Frank Hall***

**Friday, September 29 – 7:30-9:00 pm**

At the home of the Fosters, 7717 14<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Washington, DC



~ detail from the Morris Grail tapestries ~

In this talk, with closing conversation, Frank will explore the unwavering courage and purpose called upon in serving the *Highest Ideal*. These qualities are pictured in the journeys of Gawain and Parzival, the two main characters of Wolfram's epic poem *Parzival*. In striving to realize the ideal of the Round Table community, Gawain leads us on a journey through the sense world, while Parzival, in striving to realize the ideal of the Grail community, leads us through the supersensible world. We will hear how their two paths may illuminate our current times of extreme polarization and fragmentation, and our own path forward.

For those who would like to prepare, Frank has suggested the following background readings (click on the links to access):

- Rudolf Steiner, *The Mysteries of the East and of Christianity*, GA 144, [Lecture 4](#), Feb. 7, 1913

- Rudolf Steiner, *Christ and the Spiritual World; The Search for the Holy Grail*, GA 149, [Lecture 5](#), Jan.1, 1914; and [Lecture 6](#), Jan.2, 1914
- Linda Sussman, *Speech of the Grail* (on Wolfram's *Parzival* as a whole), Lindisfarne Press, 1995



Light refreshments will be served following the conversation.

**Please let us know you plan to join us!**  
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